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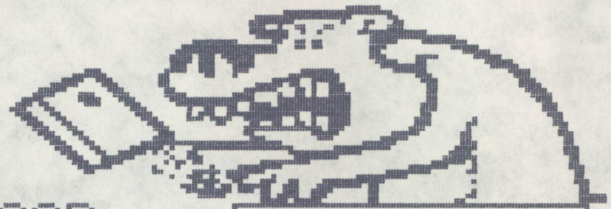

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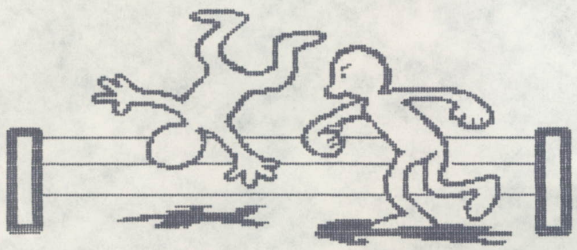
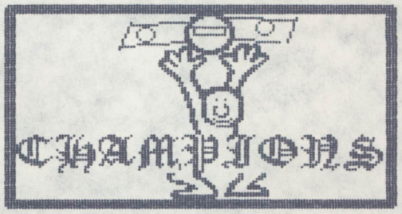
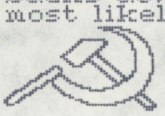





## HULK HOGAN

6'6" 302lbs
Venice,Calif.

Hulk-a-Mania is running WILD!! The Hulkster is one of the best in the wrestling world. He holds the WWF heavyweight belt. Hogan is fan favourite throughout the world. Since he defeated the Iron Sheik for the belt he has appeared in Rocky III and will appear on the Love Boat later this year. The Hulkster never backs down from a challenger. He will most likely be champ for a long time.



## FOREIGN REPORT

When you think of bad, it is impossible not to think of the evil Iron Sheik. He signifies all the evil of foreign countries. Constantly, he puts down the country in which he fights. Hailing from Teheran, Iran, and weighing in at 235 lbs. the Sheik's wrestling abilities cannot be argued with. He has held both the WWF title and the WWF Tag Team title. His teammate, Nikolai Volkoff, also puts down our way of life. Together, they make a very formative team, making many enemies and many friends. The Sheik's greatest matches have come against Sergant Slaughter and Bob Backlund for the WWF title. His finishing move is the deadly Camel Clutch.

## MATCH OF THE CENTURY

KING KONG BUNDY

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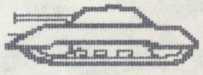


A WWII SHERMAN TANK!!

See it live!! Tuesday, September 6th at Kitchener's Memorial Auditorium.

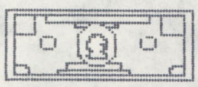
# EDITORIAL

For the month of August.

Hi, and welcome to the premeire issue of 'the wrestling report', an amateur newspaper. Right now, we sort of consider this publication a bit of a joke, but we hope it will become a reality, but only with your purchases.

This entire paper has been written and printed with the use of an Apple //e Computer and a brilliant program called the Newsroom.

I have enjoyed writing and editing in this, the first issue, and look forward to our future. As a goal, we have planned to find more writers and to expand the size of our newspaper. Right now, three pages, big wow.



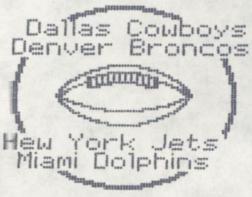
## BOBBY'S BOUNTY

**25,000** dollars, I could sure use it. But I'm not a wrestler so I'm not about to attempt to take Paul "Mr. Wonderful" Orndorff out of wrestling. Bobby's got the musclemen, the brains and the stupidity. He has in his power Big John Studd, Ken Patera, Adrian Adonis The Missing Link and more. But don't think Orndorff is going to lose so easily. Orndorff has a few tricks up his sleeves too like 20 inch biceps. Orndorff is in the best condition of any wrestler anywhere. It should go on forever.

## Wahoo McDaniel, Native American.

Six feet tall, with jet black hair, dressed in bright reds, yellows, oranges, blacks, and blues, this onetime NFL football player turned wrestler strikes a colourful picture wherever he goes. The native American wrestling great Wahoo McDaniel is a living legend in the wrestling world.

Long before becoming a wrestling sensation, Wahoo was known to millions of football fans during the 1960's, playing middle linebacker with some outstanding teams.




Now, though, Wahoo is a wrestler. Definitely, the greatest of all Indian wrestlers, a star forever in our hearts.

George 'The Animal' Steele a man of many words for

## Smitty's of Hanover easy

"George... chair... Smitty's... chair... good chair... like chair... hungry... turnbuckle... not good chair...from Smitty's... table...sofa...bed...light...all good... all Smitty's...Dragon...George...Loooo... kill Fuji...kill Muraco...with chair... ugh...real hungry now..."

Big John Studd's real name is... John Minton!!

Chief Jay Strongbow's real name is... Joe Scarpa!

The Missing Link and Abdullah the Butcher were a devastating tag team while wrestling in Florida!!

# Did you know that...

The Junkyard Dog was once a professional football player!

The Tonga Kid's brother is Jimmy 'Superfly' Snuka!

Adrian Street was in the movie... 'Quest for Fire'!

Big John Studd once wrestled under the name of... Captain America!!

Paul Orndorff and Superfly Snuka once held the NWA tag team title!

## BRUTUS BEEFCAKE

WEIGHT: 273 lbs.
FROM: San Francisco, California

Brutus Beefcake likes to strut. He is proud of his looks. But don't make any mistake, he is as tough as nails in the ring. He is hailed to be the next Jesse 'The Body' Ventura, who as we all know, also likes to strut. Some people feel that there is time for Beefcake to turn over a new leaf, but don't look foward to it, Luscious Johnny Valiant wouldn't allow it.

## Ken Patera

235 lbs.
Portland, Oregeon

Ken Patera, the 'World's Strongest Man' is a former Bronze medal winner at the Olympics. He has been wrestling professionally for 12 years and has held the WWF Inter-continental belt.

## STEVE LOMBARDI For Anacin

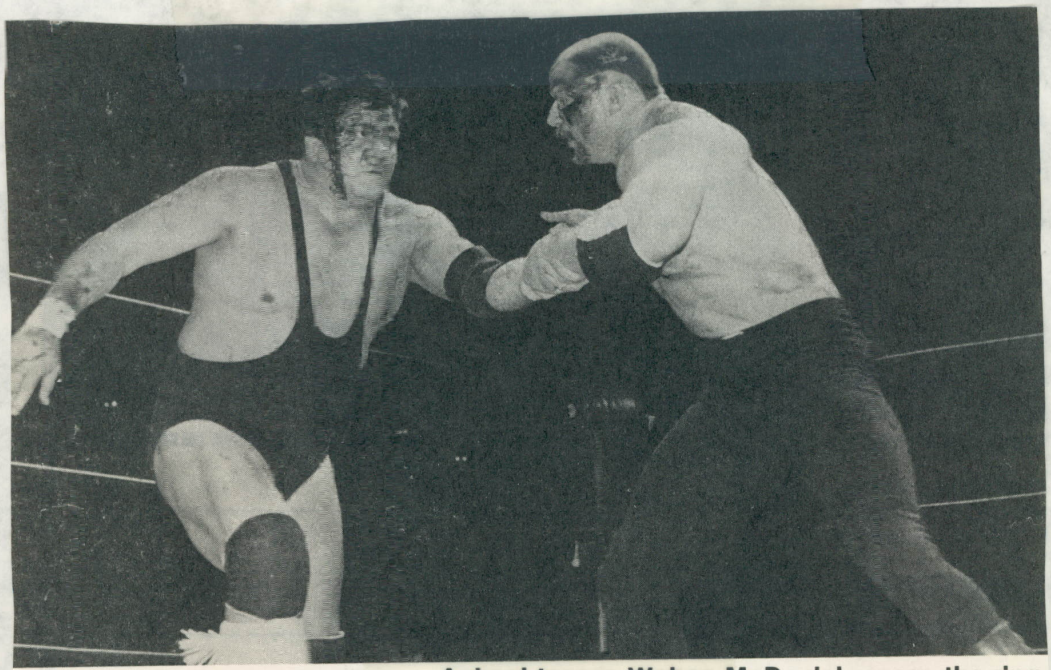
STEVE LOMBARDI

HEADACHE SUFFERER

OCCUPATION: Pro-Wrestler
CONDITION: Headache

"After a match with Paul 'Mr. Blunderful' Orndorff my head feels like Tom Watson's favorite golf ball after driving practice because Orndorff piledrives me 4 feet deep into the mat! That doesn't exactly tickle!! After using Anacin, my head feels great like a ka-billion dollars! Now before every match with meathead Orndorff I'm gonna take two Anacin's so he'll be piledrivin' 'till he'll be so tired I can get him in a three-count no problem! Then I'll collect the $25,000 and Bob Heenan will...

Iron Sheik, Fred Blassie & Nikolai Volkoff raise their arms in victory.



Animal tosses Wahoo McDaniel across the ring.

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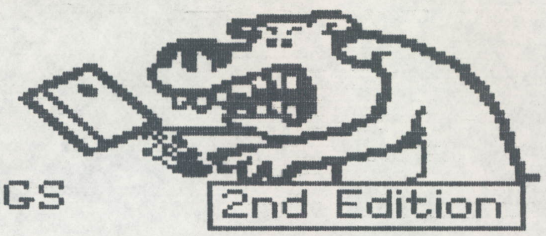

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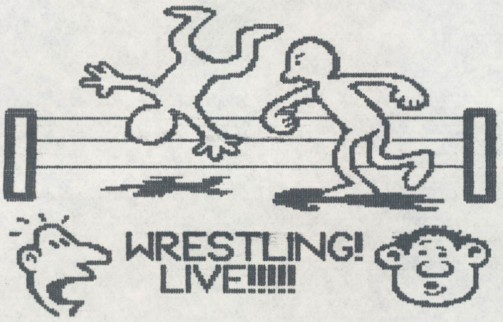


Watching wrestling live is a experience. (to say the least!) The action, the spirit, the heat, the grandeur played out to the fullest, I'll sure never forget my first wrestling match on August 18th at Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens.

A packed arena, a spectacular card, including Andre the French Giant vs. Big John Studd. We bought our tickets at three o'clock on the day of the match and still, we only managed to get reds, about halfway up. They would have been great hockey seat, but for wrestling they

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## Rick Martel

235 lbs.
Quebec City, Quebec

On May 13th, 1984, Canadian Rick Martel defeated Jumbo Tsuruta to claim the AWA title belt. Martel has an excellent command of every hold in the book. Schooled in the sport at a young age, Martel turned pro at sixteen. He is currently being persued by Nick Bockwinkel, King Tonga and others who would like to claim the AWA belt as their own. A fan favorite forever.

## FOREIGN REPORT

'The Eighth Wonder of the World' is none other than one real mountain of a man hailing from Grenoble, France. Of course, it's seven foot five Andre the Giant, all 497 lbs. of him!

It has been said that with great power comes great responsibility. Only one man in pro wrestling has both: Andre and his responsibility is to please his fans. In reference to not ever having a championship belt, Andre said "I can't complain, this sport has given me everything I've ever wanted, friends around the world, contacts, everything. I will never leave." We sure hope not.

## The Killer Bees

B. Brian Blair & Jumping Jim Brunzell have teamed up as the Killer Bees and promise to sting more than a few opposing tag teams in the WWF. Dressed in eye-catching yellows and blacks, these two young grapplers are agile, athletic and come armed with astonishing knowledge of scientific wrestling. They have already started the WWF a'buzzing with their fabulous, fast-moving attacks on all opponents. Their best matches have come against the Heart Foundation, Neidhart & Hart. Their future looks more than promising.

## $$ 25,000 $$
## BATTLE ROYALE
Starring the stars of the WWF

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|---|---|
| Hulk Hogan | Iron Shiek |
| Andre the Giant | Nikolai Volkoff |
| Ricky Steamboat | King Kong Bundy |
| Superfly Snuka | Big John Studd |
| Tito Santana | Greg Valentine |
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| Paul Orndorff | Brutus Beefcake |
| Uncle Elmer | Roddy Piper |
| Dynamite Kid | Bob Orton |
| Davey Boy Smith | Randy Savage |

NO RULES!!!! BE THERE!
All Out Action!

# EDITORIAL

For the month of September.

Now, with one issue of 'the wrestling report' under our belts, we gaze into our future. Certainly it looks promising. The first issue went off well, forgetting the hordes of errors found throughout. In this issue, we have had time to edit the entire paper. A few mistakes will still be found, but we are much happier with the improved overall quality.

Suggestions are needed so feel free to inform us of any ways to improve the newspaper.

For example, do you feel that twenty five cents is a reasonable price? We are just trying to break even after printing. Well, see you next issue, for sale in early October.

## ACTION!!

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place the ring in the centre of the floor, quite a distance from a corner seat. Programs were on sale inside featuring articles on the wrestlers of the WWF. We took our seats and waited as the heat rose in the filled arena.

At eight o'clock, the announcer stepped into the ring to introduce the first match between Adrian Adonis and Leaping Lanny Poffo which Adonis won in what turned out to be the longest match at seven minutes and four seconds. All of the matches until intermission were short and basically predictable, for example, King Kong Bundy is not going to lose Jose Luis Rivera! Intermission allowed us time to cool off a bit and then, the best match, in my opinion, that night came on, Andre & Studd. It was a good, exciting brawl 'til finally Andre was knocked down and Bobby 'The Brain' Heenan handed Studd a pair of scissors. Luckily, Andre got up and fought back, punching Heenan when he crawled into the squared circle to take back the scissors. Andre then proceeded to slam Studd and cut his hair. Now, we all thought we had seen the last of 'The Brain', but we were wrong because he returned with the massive King Kong Bundy. Bundy pearl-harboured Andre and with Studd's help, managed to get Andre down. Four of Bundy's 'splashes' swamped the Giant until he was unconcious. The fans were stunned into silence until four of Andre's friends came running to his aide, Cousin Jr., Quick Draw McGraw, and the Killer Bees. Naturally, Studd and Bundy decided to make a quick exit. A few minutes later Andre was concious and cheered by his fans as he left.

The other matches after Andre seemed boring in comparison including such dynamite matchups as the JYD vs Tough Terry Funk, the Killer Bees vs the Heart Foundation, Ricky Steamboat vs the Magnificent Muraco and Uncle Elmer vs Tiger Chung Lee.

I'll never forget my first wrestling match, the day when Andre the French Giant cut Big John Studd's long hair.

## Flying Head Butt

This technique is used by the Missing Link. It is a finishing off technique which is done off the top ropes. Hold onto your hair while falling then pull back head and strike with power.

## Tips

Hulk Hogan once wrestled under the name of... Sterling Golden!?

The Junkyard Dog's real name is... Sylvester Ritter!

The American Dream, Dusty Rhodes' real name is... Virgil Runnels!

## Did you know that...

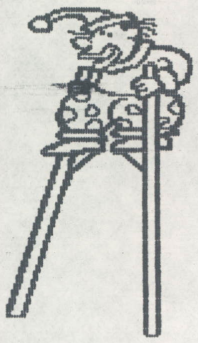
Big John Studd carries around a plastic sandwich bag containing locks of Andre the Giant's hair!

Wrestler Ken Patera is serving two years in jail for assaultling a police officer!

Jesse 'The Body' Ventura and Adrian Adonis once held the AWA tag team belt!

## "ROWDY" RODDY PIPER 230 lbs.

Glascow, Scotland



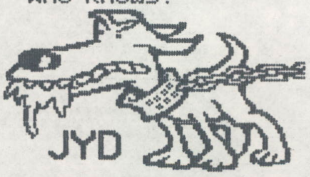
Roddy Piper like him or hate him, he's someone to be reckoned with in the WWF. Although the WWF title has eluded him, he has held the Mid-Atlantic title as a fan favourite. His show, Piper's Pit, is the best part of the WWF broadcasts. His wild uncontrollable ways never fail to infuriate his guest. He is looking to collect the WWF title and the $25,000 bounty on Paul Orndorff. He just might.

## Cowboy 'Ace' Orton

He's known as 'Ace', the ever present bodyguard of Roddy Piper. Surprisingly, he can even wrestle. His favorite technique is the super suplex off the top turnbuckle. During the ten years he has been wrestling, he has held many different titles. He now wrestles with a controversial cast on his right arm. But is he content with being Piper's bodyguard? Who knows?

## Junkyard Dog 260 lbs.

Charlotte, N.C.




Universally loved, the JYD has fought the biggest and the best stars in the wrestling profession today. Afraid of no one, he approachs every bout with a winning attitude and a winning method. He has wrestled mostly in the south, winning the North American heavyweight belt and the Mid South tag team title, he now wants to expand his lot. No matter what happens, JYD seems destined to win and to always be a crowd pleaser.

## WRESTLING SUPERSTARS!

The latest toy from Grand Toy to delight children of all ages. The WWF's first crack at the toy market in Canada. You can twist and turn'em into your favorite wrestling holds. You can purchase Andre The Giant, Superfly Snuka, Hulk Hogan, Iron Shiek and Big John Studd. They have already had success in the U.S market.

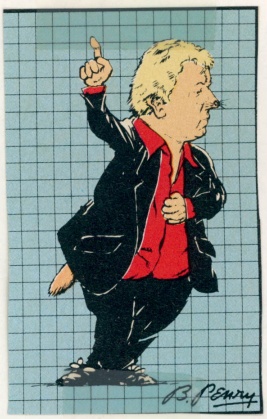
## Contributing Writers ISSUE 2

Greg Oliver — Chris Oliver
Serge Solski — Mark Heuchert

The writers would like to say that all the opinions reflected in this newspaper are their own, and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the other writers or the newspaper. Also that all the advertisements are original, and do not represent a true company or product.

## printing errors!!? who? us?

The Tonga Kid is not Superfly Snuka's brother, but his cousin.
The price for the first paper was not 5 cents but 10 cents.
The Intercontinental champion is Tito Santana, not Greg Valentine.
Mike Rotundo & Barry Windham won the WWF tag team belt from the Iron Shiek & Nikoli Volkoff and then lost the belts to The Dream Team, Greg 'The Hammer' Valentine & Brutus Beefcake.



BOBBY 'THE BRAIN' HEENAN

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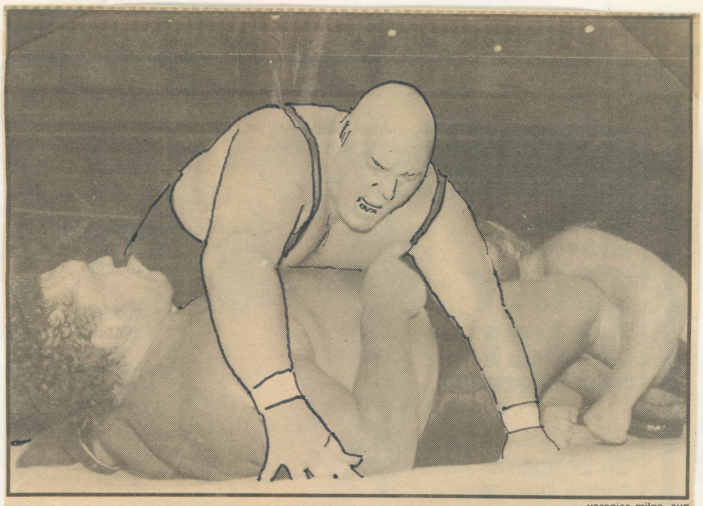
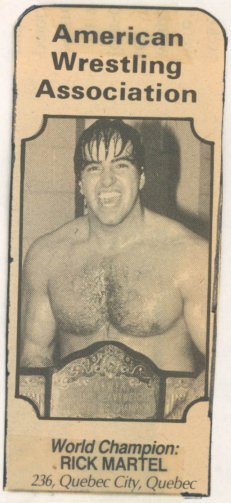


- veronica milne, sun

LAND OF THE GIANTS...King Kong Bondy does his best to hold down Andre the Giant last night while Big John Studd holds on to Andre's legs during their wrestling bout at Maple Leaf Gardens. Unfortunately, King Kong wasn't even supposed to be in the ring, so Andre the Giant was declared the winner over Studd.

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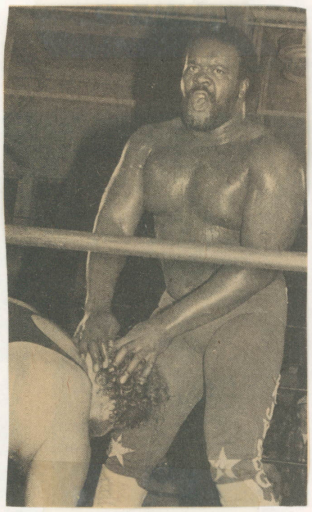

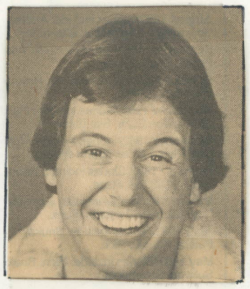

ROWDY RODDY, HOST OF 'PIPER'S PIT'

Daniel and Evelyne Martel are proud of their son Rick, the new AWA champion. Rick visited his parents in Quebec City.

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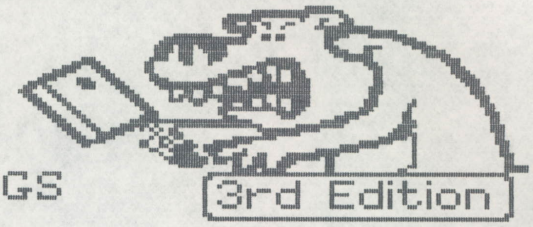


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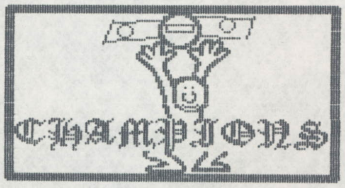
## Wrestling Quotes

Bobby Heenan- 'They're putting too many rules on everything now, no more sack dances, no spiking, no high fives. In wrestling, they got rules, but they're not too strict about enforcing them... what other sport let's you kick a guy when he's down!?'

Mean Gene Okerland on Vince McMahon- 'There is that fine line between genius and insanity, and Vince walks it.'

Tito Santana- 'I don't like Roddy Piper or any of the men he manages. Piper is the lowest form of human being I've ever run into'

General Skandor Akbar- 'The Missing Link is very, very unusual.'




## Ric Flair

243 lbs. Minneapolis, Minnesota. 'Ten pounds of gold' is what NWA champ, Ric Flair affectionately calls his title belt. He has held this coveted belt since May 24th, 1984 when he regained the title from Kevin Von Erich in Japan. This is now the third time he has held the belt. I guess that classy is the only word that fits Flair correctly. Though, at times he has been evil, he always seems to win and to have a belt around his waist

## FOREIGN REPORT

'Polish Power' Ivan Putski, from Krakow, Poland has simply done it all. For the past 15 years he has dominated the sport with charm and strength. 'The General' as he is known, loves his 'Polish army', his fans. He has defeated all the greats in singles competition but excels in tag team. He has held two tag team belts in Texas plus the WWF tag team belt with Tito Santana. They defeated Johnny and Jerry Valiant in October 1979 for the belts. He has recently teamed with Tony Atlas to regain the WWF team belt. Like fine wine, Ivan Putski just gets better with age.

## the Heart Foundation

Jim 'The Anvil' Neidhart & 'Hitman' Brett Hart have power, brute force and ruthless tactics in the ring as their tokens. These men definitely have the skills to become WWF tag team champs. They have defeated such promising teams as the British Bulldogs and the Killer Bees on more than one occassion. Progressing up the ranks rather quickly, they now seemed destined to win, with or without the help of their manager, Jimmy Hart. I look forward to the day when these wrestlers get a title shot but it won't be while the Dream Team hold the belts. (I bet you know why!)

## WWF VIDEOS

From Coliseum Video:
Hulkamania
WrestleMania
Best of the WWF vol.1
Best of the WWF vol.2
Andre the Giant
Bloopers, Bleeps & Bodyslams!
Most Unusual Matches

Other:
I Like to Hurt People, by The Shiek

## EDITORIAL

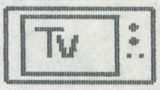
For the month of October.

In September, we printed 100 newspapers and almost sold them all. We feel that we can sell one hundred, but the people who have been selling the papers have not been doing a great job. I estimate that we lost about $5.00 worth of papers when other people sold. The problem is that we need the people to sell our newspapers. What a problem, eh!

Around here, wrestling has really caught on. The Kitchener Auditorium held a card on September 21st featuring such 'greats' as Killer Kruppe and Rocky Johnson!? Hopefully, we'll get a better card soon.

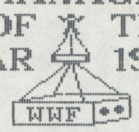
See you in November.

## Hulk Hogan's Rock'n Wrestling




Saturday, September 14th, 1985, a new cartoon premiered on CBS nework cartoons, Hulk Hogan's Rock'n Wrestling. It stars all our favorite wrestlers, Hulk Hogan, Roddy Piper, Andre the Giant, JYD, Mr.Fuji, John Studd, Tito Santana, Nikolia Volkoff, Iron Shiek, Lou Albano, Hillbilly Jim, Wendi Richter, Superfly Snuka and of course, Mean Gene Okerland. The show deals with the wrestlers in situations outside of the wrestling ring. We here at 'The Wrestling Report' recommend that you get up early one Saturday and catch this show at 10 o'clock on CBS. You just might like it.

## MANAGER OF THE YEAR 1985




## LOU ALBANO

It all started with Mean Gene Okerlund announcing that he had a presentation to make. In the ring was Mean Gene, Bobby Heenan, Hillbilly Jim, and Lou Albano. It was obviously the presentation of the manager of the year award. Mean Gene began to announce the winner when Bobby Heenan took the mike and said that all the votes from Mr.Fuji, Jimmy Hart, Johnny Valiant and Freddie Blassie had been pledged to him. 'I am now this year's manager of the year!' he claimed. Everybody's faces saddened, Bobby Heenan had finally proved himself to be 'The Brain.' Mean Gene quickly made some calculations and commented that Heenan had won. But once again Gene was interrupted, this time by Hillbilly Jim. Hillbilly asked how many votes he had, and then how many the Captain had. Hillbilly's face brightened when he realized that together, Captain and Hillbilly, had more votes than Bobby Heenan. Immediately Hillbilly pledged his votes to Lou Albano and Voila! we had the manager of the year.

The crowd cheered and all failed to notice Big John Studd & King Kong Bundy sneaking into the ring. The newly formed tag team pearl-harboured Albano & Hillbilly. The Captain was struck by the trophy and Hillbilly was 'splashed' twice. Heenan also managed to destroy the trophy.

Angrily, the antagonists left the ring, with our heroes laying on the mat. Luckily, they lived.

## Tips

Today's tip is the Eye Poke. It is used to start an assault on your blinded opponent. Just take two of your little fingers and jab them into your opponent's eyes. Sharp fingernails are a must. (This is a pro move and is not recommended for home use) Poke away!!!!

Randy 'Macho Man' Savage is the brother of Leaping Lanny Poffo and their father is Angelo Poffo!

Tito Santana played pro football in the NFL with the Kansas City Chiefs and in the CFL with the B.C. Lions!

## Did you know that...

Superfly Snuka's 'Superfly Leap' has been deemed illegal in Missouri by state wrestling officials.

The record for most victories in one month is 35. It is held by Andre the Giant, and was set in July 1974.

The biggest wrestler ever has Haystacks Calhoun who weighed in at about 601 pounds. (272.6 kg.)

## Greg 'The Hammer' Valentine

Weight: 248 lbs. From: Seattle, Wash.

There isn't a tougher man in the sport of wrestling than Greg Valentine. His moves are flawless, while his chops and smashes are simply deadly. Greg has held titles all over the world. His conquests include the Intercontinental title, the WWF Tag Team belt with Brutus Beefcake, the US belt, the Mid-Atlantic title, the America's title, and the NWF title. Valentine claims, "Look, I've won every state and regional title in the US!" The Hammer has been managed by Captain Lou Albano, the late Grand Wizard and Jimmy Hart. Although Greg Valentine is considered a villain, the blond bomber never resorts to out-and-out illegal moves to win his bouts. He is rough and tough and likes it that way. Hammer's attack is rentless- he simply pounds his opponents until they are tired out and worn down to the point where they are on the verge of defeat. Then he moves in for the kill using his feared elbow smash, hence 'The Hammer'.

Greg Valentine is the comsummate wrestler. He's been on top for quite a number of years, and it is inevitable that there he will remain for many more.

## TONGA KID

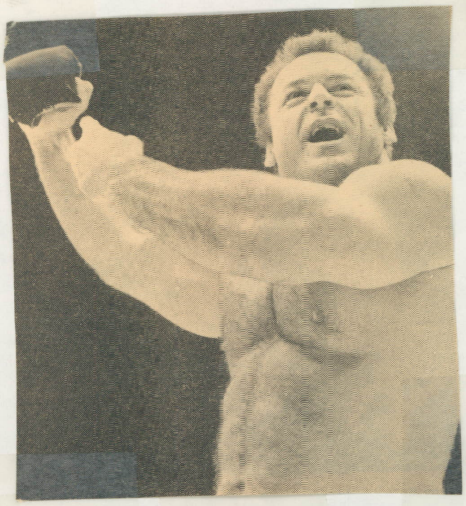
225 lbs.
Island of Tonga

The Tonga Kid burst upon the wrestling scene to avenge an injury to his cousin, Jimmy Snuka. After helping Superfly get back on his feet, the Kid left the WWF to make it on his own on the ProWrestling USA circuit.

Watching the Kid in action, one is bound to see a wide assortment of high flying moves and maneuvers. Although he's only been wrestling for a little more than a year, the Tonga Kid has mastered practically every aerial maneuver. His drop kicks are fierce and his leap is incredible. His accomplishments include defeating the Iron Shiek by pinfall, joining the High Flyers and beating up Roddy Piper on nationwide TV.

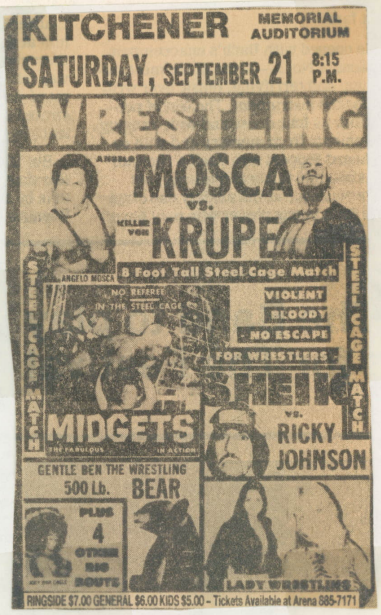

## JESSE 'THE BODY' VENTURA FOR ECLIPSE SUNGLASSES

"Almost all yous wreslin' fans out there know of my expert taste of sunglasses. Even Moolah asks me for advice about where to buy sunglasses. So I tell her to go to Eclipse Sunglasses because their selection is great, and they can custom make glasses for you for a price as low as Billy 'Red' Lions life value. Tell them Jesse sent ya' cause I make up about 50% of their yearly income!"
Eclipse Sunglasses, for all occassions.



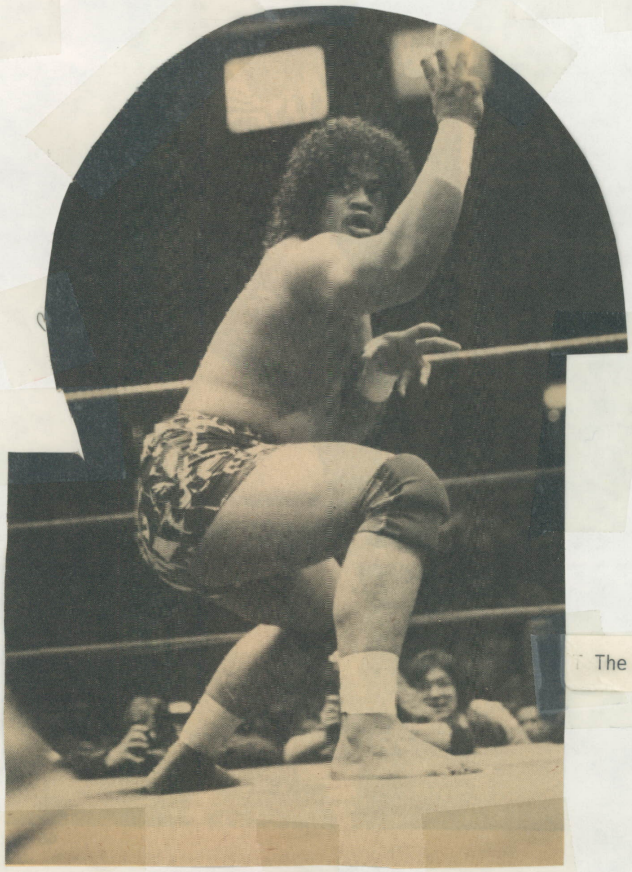
Ivan 'Polish Power' Putski

Wrestling card recently held at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium.




Andre the Giant for Sadidas Shoes-

"My feet are bigger than most people's feet on Earth. I searched for days to find a pair of shoes that would fit my size 23 stompers. Finally I found Sadidas Shoes. The fit is great and my wrestling is just as good. Now when I fight, go out on the town or even hit Roddy Piper, I go in style with Sadidas Shoes. The quality is unsurpassed, sort of like me.



On mat card

GREG VALENTINE, is part of Sunday's Maple Leaf Gardens wrestling card which starts 8.

The Tonga Kid

**In case you didn't know...**

**WWF** stands for World Wrestling Federation.

**AWA** stands for American Wrestling Association.

**NWA** stands for National Wrestling Alliance.

**ProWrestling USA** is an agreement between the AWA & the NWA, creating a television show that travels the country showing the stars of both the NWA & the AWA.

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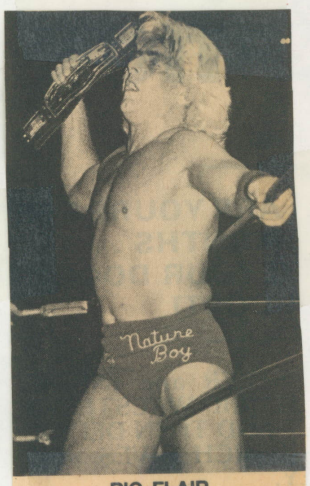


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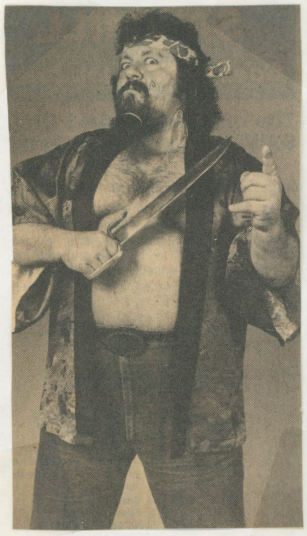
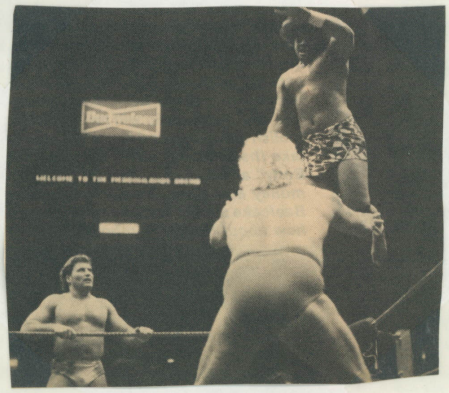


1985 WWF Manager of the Year
'Captain' Lou Albano

The Tonga Kid vs. Freebird
Terry Gordy



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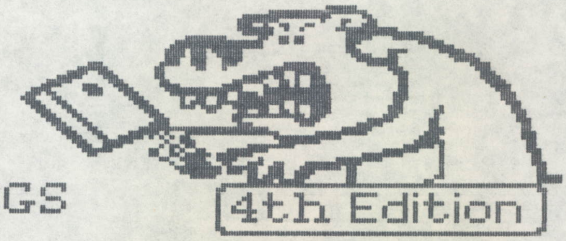

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4. T. Santana
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6. B. Beefcake
7. Roddy Piper
8. Don Muraco
9. Junkyard Dog
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Lone Riders
S. Hall & K. Henning

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Sgt. Slaughter

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Wahoo McDaniel

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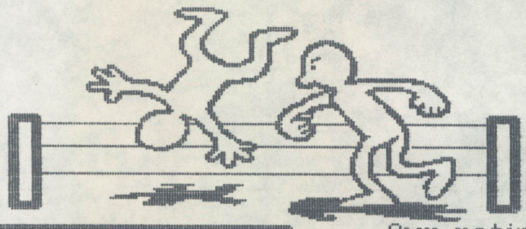
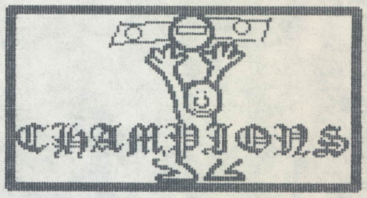


## Rating the Superstars- An Explanation

Our rating system comes from various magazines, our own knowledge and the top contenders for a certain belt. For example, in the WWF Top Ten Ratings, Randy 'Macho Man' Savage and Jesse 'the Body' Ventura are both rated very high because they have both recently received a title shot either against Hulk Hogan or Tito Santana. We feel that this philosophy works best and also reflects the other top wrestlers in the league. In the AWA and the NWA, we have less influence from television, so we use magazines.



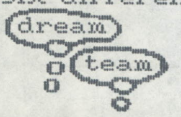

## Tito Santana

244 lbs.
Tocula, Mex.

Tito Santana's rise to fame is one of wrestling's most recent legends. In his six years plus as a wrestler, this young, talented grappler has managed to win the WWF Intercontinental belt on two occasions, the WWF tag team belt (with Ivan Putski) and the West Texas tag team belt (with Ted DiBiase). Tito is well versed in scientific wrestling and will be on top for many years to come.

## FOREIGN REPORT

This monstrous man from Uganda weighs in at 400 lbs. of sheer terror. Kamala, the Ugandan Giant is one of the most unusual, if not the most frightening, men in wrestling today. He is big, black and paints his bald head in African designs. This monster wears an African warrior-type skirt that barely covers his bulging bulk and all in all, he resembles a very successful cannibal. Kamala has been around the wrestling world for about five years and has feuded with such greats as Andre the Giant and Sgt. Slaughter. Kamala has had more than six different managers.




Dream Team...Hulk Hogan & Andre the Giant?, Superfly Snuka & JYD?...No, it is not the combination of any of these great wrestlers, I'm talking about the world champs, the prettiest and the toughest tag team around, Brutus Beefcake and Greg 'The Hammer' Valentine, managed by the luscious one, Johnny Valiant. These two WWF tag team champs may look like sissys but with Beefcake's slams and elbow locks and Valentine's hammer and figure-four-leg-locks, they form a team like none other. These two tough wrestlers have held their own against the British Bulldogs and the Hillbillys, Uncle Elmer & Cousin Jr. It just might be that they will hold the title for a while so, watch out world, here comes the DREAM TEAM!

## Wrestling Quotes

Bobby Heenan- 'Freddie Blassie looks like a drum major for a gay marching band.'

Jesse Ventura- 'Hogan's a bum, I tell you, he doesn't have half the class that I do.'

Precious Paul Ellering- 'The Road Warriors are the best tag team pairing of all time. They have everything- size, speed, agility and hostility.'

Road Warrior Hawk- 'We can whup anyone I've seen on TV. Most of the tag teams are simply fat old men who don't want to work that hard.'

Q- What has 14 teeth and an IQ of 50?
A- The first ten rows of a wrestling crowd!

Hulk Hogan's real name is... Terry Bollea!
Hulk Hogan quit football for music and bowling!
Hulk Hogan played Thunderlips in the movie, Rocky III!

## Did you know that...

Paul Orndorff's school boy wrestling rival was a lad from Interbay in Tampa, one Terry Bollea- now known as Hulk Hogan!
Hulk is undefeated since January 24th, 1984 when he took the WWF Heavyweight belt from the Iron Shiek in a time of 5 minutes-40 seconds. To date, Hulk is the only man to break free of the Iron Shiek's Camel Clutch.

Hulk Hogan was born August 11, 1953 in Augusta, Georgia!
At birth, Hulk weighed 10 pounds, 7 ounces!
Hulk has wrestled under the names: Sterling Golden, Terry Boulder, and the Incredible Hulk Hogan!

## Did you know that...

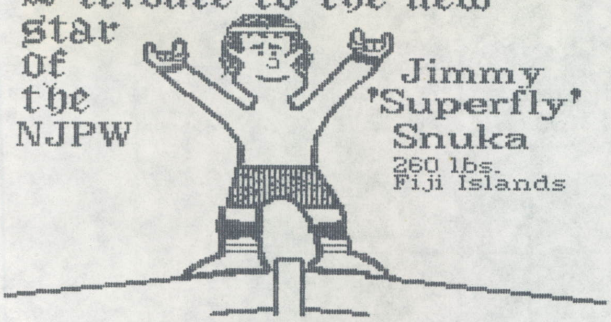
Hulk was 'discovered' by Fred Blassie in Venice, California in 1976!
Hulk has been managed by Classy Freddie Blassie, Luscious Johnny Valiant and Captain Lou Albano!
Hulk Hogan is the tenth champion in the WWF's twenty-year history!
Hulk-a-mania was born in the AWA where Hulk was converted from a rulebreaker to a hero!

Hulk Hogan vs. Andre the Giant.
A match from history.

## EDITORIAL

For the month of November. This month, I'd like to talk about the show, Saturday Night's Main Event and Hulk Hogan's recent actions. On national TV, in a title match against Nikoli Volkoff, Hulk Hogan disgraced the Soviet flag by polishing his boots with it, and spitting on it. As if this wasn't enough, Hulk had the guts to proclaim that Russia was the U.S.'s enemy! Watch it Hulkster! World War III might start because of your bad mouthed antics! If Hulk claims to be the American champ, then let Volkoff and Shiek insult the States! At least the Iron Shiek, when he was feuding with Sgt.Slaughter didn't stoop so low as Hulk. To clean one's boots with another's flag is uncalled for.

## A tribute to the new star of the NJPW



### Jimmy 'Superfly' Snuka

260 lbs.
Fiji Islands

Some say he comes from Australia. Some say he's an outlawed Aborigine. Jimmy says he's from the Fiji Islands. Whatever his past, today the Superfly is one of the most feared wrestlers on the pro circuit. He started out as an animal. Wild, insane and effective. Many a wrestler has gone to hell and back on the Snuka express. People such as Bob Backlund, Cowboy Bob Orton, Rick Steamboat and many more. If you plan ever to play dirty with Snuka, you had better have an excellent insurance plan because you're going to take a beating! And if you do manage to hurt Jimmy even a little, don't start a grudge with him. Captain Lou Albano once did and learned to regret it.

Superfly is a warrior in the ring. He fights skillfully, unless he gets angered. Of course, his 'coup de grace' is 'The Superfly Leap', a dangerous jump off the top ropes onto a dazed opponent.

Jimmy Snuka has not been denied a gold belt in his career though. He had held the Georgia tag-team belt with Freebird Terry Gordy, the US heavyweight belt, the Pacific Northwest belt and the NWA world tag team belt. Superfly always seems to be rated in the top team of the league he is wrestling in.

At one time in his career, Snuka was recognized as 'a madman with talent' but since has mellowed out. He is now a great fan favorite. But watch out, his temper could easily flare up at any time.

After a lengthy far East tour, it seems that Jimmy Snuka has decided to settle down in the New Japan Pro Wrestling league. There, he is being teamed with Bruiser Brody to compete for the tag team championship. We here at the Wrestling Report certainly hope he returns to the WWF soon. We miss him.

To date, Superfly has held violent grudge matches with:

1. Ricky Steamboat
2. Captain Lou Albano
3. Rowdy Roddy Piper
4. Cowboy Bob Orton
5. Jumbo Tommy Tsuruta
6. The Magnificent Muraco

to name just a few.

No matter who ever comes along in the wrestling world, Snuka will always reman the warrior king of the South Pacific.

Barry Windham's father is Blackjack Mulligan!

Randy 'Macho Man' Savage played baseball with the St.Louis Cardinals!

The 1984 AWA wrestler of the year was Tom Zenk!

## Did you know that...

Rowdy Roddy Piper was once a huge fan favorite in the Mid-Atlantic area!

Andre the Giant once had his leg broken by Killer Khan!

A shiek, from Kuwait was prepared to offer five million dollars to any wrestler who would gouge out one of Mr. Fuji's eyeballs!

### The Missing Link

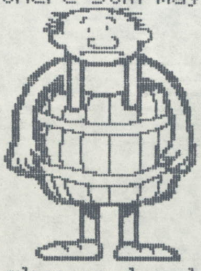
260 lbs.
Parts Unknown

His face is painted a billous shade of green, accented by the bright blue makeup around his eyes. He grunts and snarls as he grabs the back of his hair, and hurls himself off the top rope with no regard whatsoever for his own safety. This can only the frightening combination of speed, strength, agility and raw animal instinct, the Missing Link. Link has been managed by Skandor Akbar, Percival Pringle III, Bobby Heenan and is currently being managed by Jimmy Hart.

## Religion & Wrestling

Now, you may think it to be strange that pro wrestling has anything close to a relationship with religion and even stranger for someone to write about it. Well, we are going to tell you about wrestling's religious side.

In Chapter 12 of the Book of Revelations, it tells of a war in heaven with Michael and his angels fighting a great serpent named Satan. This type of struggle, Good vs. Bad, right vs. wrong is very evident in the wrestling ring. Most fans want to see the triumph of good over evil and cheer passionately for their hero. In one way, this may be a far cry from the scene depicted in the Book of Revelations but in another way, we can see that the battle between good and evil continues and that there still maybe hope for our world.



## Hillbilly Jim for Melvis Jeans

"Hi y'all! Coming from the hills of Ken-Tuck-y, you gotta wear something that'll last 'cause there ain't exactly money trees down there. That's why me, Uncle Elmer and Cousin Junior buy Melvis Jeans. They're tough as chewing tobacco with glue and molasses. Now, with Melvis, my overalls last more than ten donkey years without needing a wash. So, if you're lookin' for a pair of jeans that'll last, get some Melvis Jeans, tough as nails.

## MATCHES

A **Cowboy Match** is when the winner of the match puts a saddle on the loser and rides him around the ring. A Cowboy Match is used for grudge matches.

A **Texas Bullrope Match** is when two wrestlers are tied together by an 8 foot rope. A win in this type of match is very descisive.

A **Battle Royale** is more than six men in the ring at one time. The object of a battle royale is to throw all of your opponents over the top rope. The winner is the last man in the ring, who usually collects a fair amount of money.

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WWF Intercontinental Champion
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## Reader Corner

In this, our fourth edition, we have decided that we need reader input. Our ratings cannot be based on our opinions alone. We invite personal ratings about any of the leagues, questions, comments or articles. Of course, it is impossible to guarantee that your article will be published, but everything is taken into consideration.

You can give your ideas to any of the contributing writers or write to:

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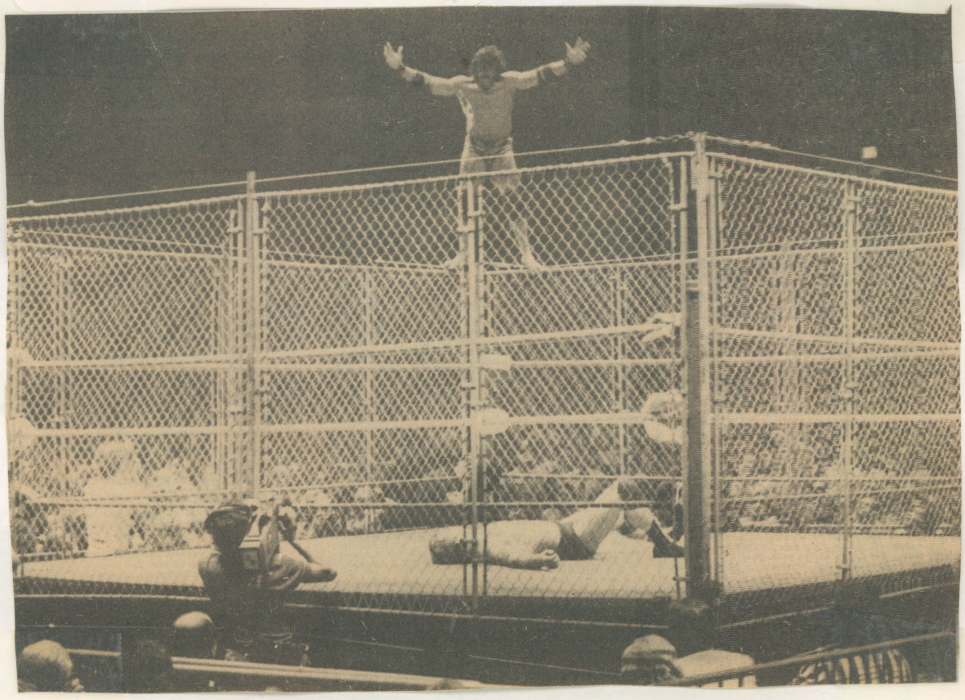
A tribute to Jimmy 'Superfly' Snuka as he leaps off the top of the steel cage



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## Wrestling Quotes

Bobby Heenan- 'The thing that scares me most about a wrestling crowd is that they can vote and they can breed.'

Don Muraco- 'If an idle thought ever entered Tony Atlas' brain, it would die of loneliness.'

Elizabeth- 'Mr. Hulk Hogan, why don't you wrestle anyone with credentials?'

Jesse Ventura- 'Eddie Murphy loves me. Sometimes he likes to shine up my boots before I wrestle. It's one of his favorite thrills in life.'

Tully Blanchard- 'Dusty Rhodes is a walking testament to low IQ.'

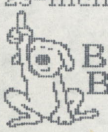
Roddy Piper- 'Greg Valentine is a savage genius.'

## DINO BRAVO

This young french-canadian from Montreal, Quebec is the current proprietor of the Canadian heavyweight championship belt. 'Dudley Dooright' (as he has been nicknamed by Jesse Ventura) has taken on all challengers in both the WWF and the AWA. These adversaries have included Big John Studd, Nick Bockwinkel, Jerry Blackwell, Abdullah the Butcher, Lord Alfred Hayes and Nikolai Volkoff.

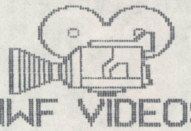
## FOREIGN REPORT

This big, bad Russian bear is one of the toughest, meanest, baddest men in the world today. Ever since he was brought onto the scene by Fred Blassie in 1974, Nikolai Volkoff has been giving people trouble. Volkoff has dedicated himself to a 'win-at-any-cost' strategy and has been quite successful, holding the Florida, the Mid-Atlantic and the WWF tag team belts. His greatest match came against the great Bruno Sammartino when he held Bruno to a 54-minute draw. This 325 pound mountain, with the 65-inch chest, 24-inch neck, and 23-inch arms will do anything to win.



## British Bulldogs

The No.1 contenders to the WWF tag team belts are none other than two men from Wigan, in north-western England, Davey Boy Smith, and the Dynamite Kid. Together, these two wrestlers form the most explosive and exciting tag team in the WWF today, the British Bulldogs. With their new manager, Lou Albano, these two are bound to hold the belts. They continue to amaze everyone with new, spectacular, aerial maneuvers. If I were to bet on any team to take the tag team belts, it would have to be the Bulldogs. Already, they have given the champs, Beefcake & Valentine, a run for their money.



## WWF VIDEOS

New From Coliseum Video:
Rowdy Roddy Piper's Greatest Hits
The Best of the WWF vol.3
WWF Wrestling's Biggest, Smallest, Strangest, Stongest.

Other:
All-Star Wrestling (AWA)

## EDITORIAL

For the month of December. My editorial this month is on none other than the Eighth Wonder of the World, Andre the Giant. Now, honestly, don't you think that Andre is getting a little old for this racket? He's at least 120-pounds overweight! Another thing, he used to wrestle for big things, such as championships, but now, he's wasting his time on losers like King Kong Bundy. Give me a break! The man breaks his sternam, and comes back. He gets hit on the head twice by a solid oak table, and he comes back! This is getting a little ridiculous. Andre has been reduced by the promoters of the WWF from a No.1 contender to a second-hand freak show. It is just too bad.

## PIPER'S PIT

Modest, humble, obnoxious, conceited.. Only one man is all these things- Roddy Piper. He is the host of the contreversial show, Piper's Pit. With Ace Orton as a body guard, Piper proceeds to infuriate his 'babyfaced' guests and praise his fellow villianous guests. Piper's Pit has been called eveything from the 'nicest little talk show since the Johnny Carson Show' to 'nothing more than an opportunity for Piper to berate and belittle WWF fan favorites and to compliment fellow rulebreakers and his own wrestlers.' To me, this is one of the most enjoyable parts of the WWF prodcasts just to see Piper act like a complete idiot.

## Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

What a show! NBC has brought us a brand new WWF wrestling show. The matches are all main event. I am just so excited about the matches they bring us! There's Hulk Hogan vs Nikolia Volkoff, Andre the Giant & Tony Atlas vs. Big John Studd & King Kong Bundy or Tito Santana vs. Randy Savage. The belts are always on the line. A totally awesome show!

## THE WRESTLING ALBUM

You think I'm kidding, don't you? Well, it's true, the stars of the WWF have made a record. Such stars as the Junkyard Dog, Nikolai Volkoff, Roddy Piper, Hillbilly Jim and Lou Albano have created an album. The record has been produced by Cyndi Lauper's manager, David Wolff and should be out in the stores as you read this. Some songs are:

Hulk Hogan's Theme/ Instrumental
Cara Mia/ Nikolai Volkoff
Tutti Fruiti/ Mean Gene Okerlund
Grab Them Cakes/ Junkyard Dog
For Everybody/ Roddy Piper
Don't Go Messin' With a Country Boy/ Hillbilly Jim
Real American/ Derringer & Barry Windham

## ? Rhetorical Questions ?

...Is George 'The Animal' Steele going to make another commercial, this time for Stove Top Turnbuckle Stuffing?... Will Rambo be the next person to try and collect the $50,000 bounty on Paul Orndorff's head?... Will Wrestlemania II's feature match be Andre the Giant against 13 midget wrestlers?... How many fans feel that 'The Mouth of the South' Jimmy Hart made a career mistake?... Does anyone really believe that Corporal Kirchner is from the 82nd Airborne Division?... Shouldn't Vince McMahon stick to promoting and stay away from announcing?... Does anyone think that Mr.X is always the same wrestler?...

Andre the Giant once wrestled under the name of Jean Ferre!
King Kong Bundy was once known as Boom Boom Bundy!
Classie Freddie Blassie is more than 70 years-old!

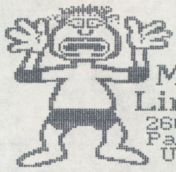
## Did you know that...

When Exotic Adrian Street won the Southeastern heavyweight title, he painted the belt pink!
Kendall Windham, the younger brother of WWF star Barry Windham recently captured the Florida heavyweight belt from Jack Hart!
Big John Studd has been bodyslammed numerous times, despite his insistence to the contrary...

## George 'The Animal' Steele

Animal! Animal! Animal! These are the only words to describe George 'The Animal' Steele. He is unpredictable in the ring, wild, relentless and of course, successful. When he is confused, he drools, his eyes roll into his head, his green tongue hangs out and he tries to use his limited vocabulary. George has been managed by the late Grand Wizard, Lou Albano, Fred Blassie and Mr. Fuji. His evil 'clone' is the Missing Link. A match between these two would make wrestling history. But, of course, George will still be loved by the fans.

## The year's wildest Match



**The Missing Link**
260 lbs.
Parts Unknown

Vs.

**George 'The Animal' Steele**
300 lbs.
Detroit, Michigan

## Obituaries

September 1- Indian star Jay Youngblood, 30, died of a heart attack while on aSouth Pacific tour. Youngblood, a former co-holder of the NWA tag team belt with Rick Steamboat died after suffering a series of heart attacks. We shall remember him for his colourful tag team bouts with his brother, Mark.
November 7- Rick 'Quick Draw' McGraw, age 30, may have died of natural causes at his New Haven home. The result of his death will not be officially known until an autopsy is finished. Quick Draw will be remembered for his short temper and his retaliation against Roddy Piper shortly before his death.

## AWA NEWS

Road Warriors lose AWA belts to Jimmy Garvin & Steve Reagel! The match was won by pinfall with a little illegal help from Freebird Michael Hayes.
Candy Devine loses AWA ladies championship to Sherry Martel!
New champs, Garvin & Reagel refuse to put belts on line against Kurt Henning & Scott Hall and lose. H O rolls easily over the over confident champs to force title match...

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## WRESTLING

### Rankings

**Worldwide and National Rankings**
**(Through Nov. 3)**

**World Top Ten**—1. Ric Flair 2. Ted DiBiase 3. "Beautiful" Bobby Eaton 4. Dynamite Kid 5. Stan Hansen 6. Ricky Chosu 7. "King Kong" Bruiser Brody 8. Terry "Bam-Bam" Gordy 9. Tiger Mask 10. Terry Funk

**WWF World Champion**—Hulk Hogan

**Top 5 Contenders**—1. Dynamite Kid 2. Terry Funk 3. Ricky "Dragon" Steamboat 4. Bret "Hit Man" Hart 5. Greg Valentine.

**AWA World Champion:** Rick Martel

**Top 5 Contenders**—1. Stan Hansen 2. Terry Gordy 3. "Freebird" Michael Hayes 4. Nick Bockwinkel 5. Greg Gagne.

**Mid-South WA North American Champion**— "Hacksaw" Butch Reed

**Top 5 Contenders**—1. Ted DiBiase 2. "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan 3. "Captain Redneck" Dick Murdoch 4. Dick Slater 5. Steve "Dr. Death" Williams

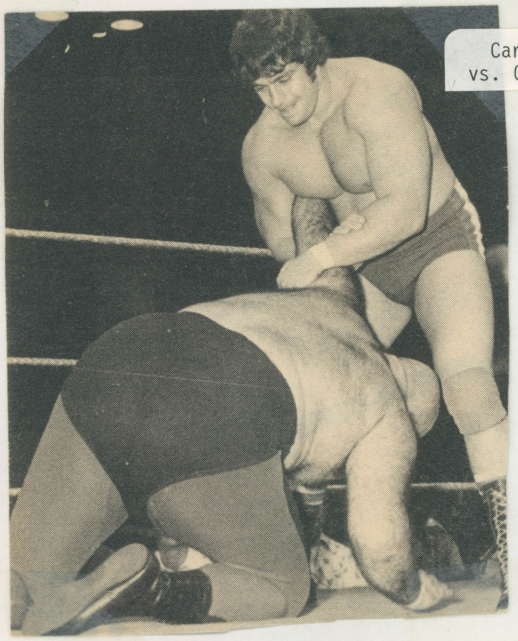
**World Class Wrestling, American Champion**—"Ice Man" King Parsons

**Top 5 Contenders**—1. "King Kong" Bruiser Brody 2. Kerry Von Erich 3. Chris Adams 4. The Grappler 5. Kevin Von Erich

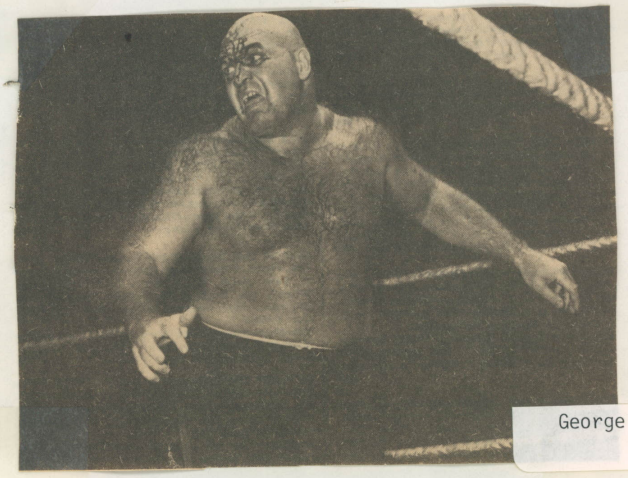
**National Wrestling Alliance World Champion**—"Nature Boy" Ric Flair

**Top 5 Contenders**—1. Ted DiBiase 2. "Beautiful" Bobby Eaton 3. Ricky Chosu 4. Tiger Mask 5. Genichiro Tenryu.

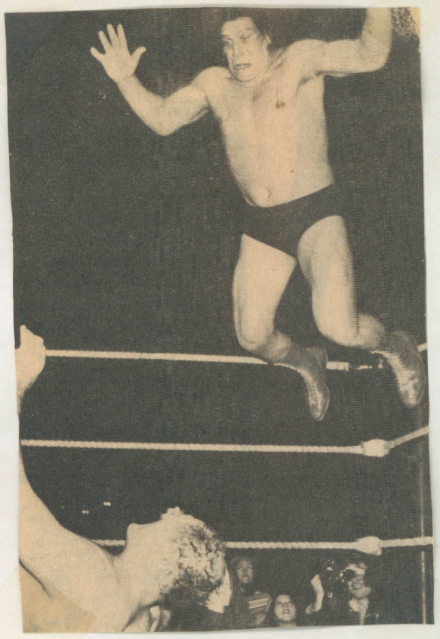
Wrestling Rankings found in the Toronto Globe and Mail in November. Do you agree with them?



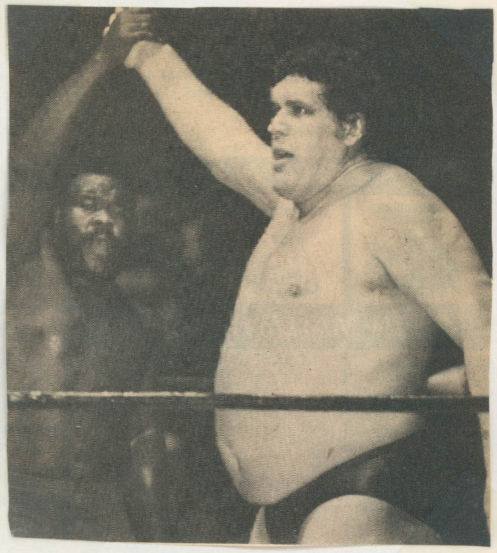
Canadian Heavyweight champ Dino Bravo vs. George 'The Animal' Steele.



George 'The Animal' Steele.



Andre the Giant, at 400 pounds showing remarkable agility in a 1972 match against Killer Kowalski.

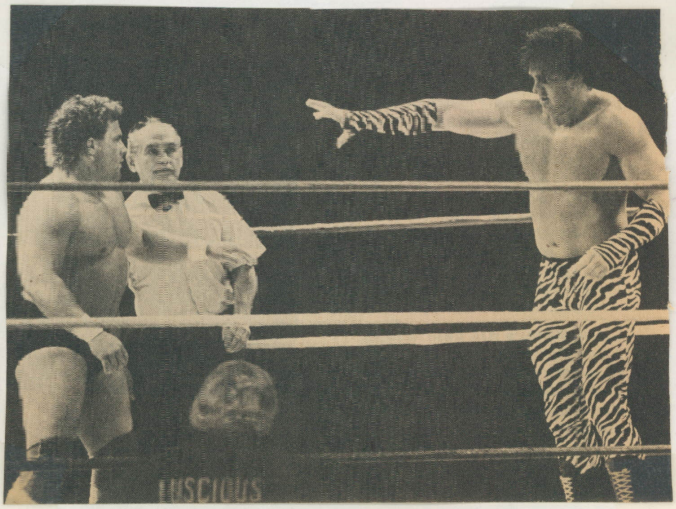


Andre and the Junkyard Dog raise their hands in victory. It is very easy to see Andre's added bulk.

Nikolai Volkoff in Wrestling Superstars format.

The wrestling world mourns the passings of Rick 'Quick Draw' McGraw and Jay Youngblood. Quick Draw is shown here in a match against Brutus Beefcake.

The late Jay Youngblood.



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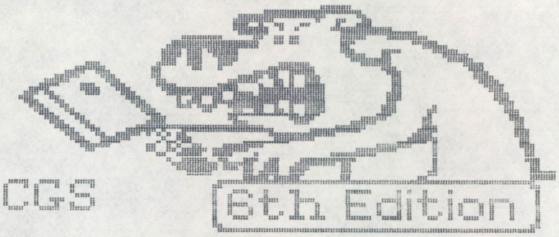

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6th Edition

## Rating the Superstars

Champions
NWA- Ric Flair
AWA- Rick Martel
WWF- Hulk Hogan
Canadian- Dino Bravo
Intercontinental- Tito Santana

WWF- Top Ten
1. Hulk Hogan
2. Tito Santana
3. Don Muraco
4. Terry Funk
5. Roddy Piper
6. P. Orndorff
7. Junkyard Dog
8. R. Steamboat
9. Randy Savage
10. John Studd

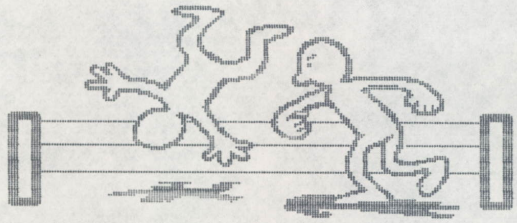
WWF- Tag Teams
G. Valentine & B. Beefcake
The British Bulldogs
The Heart Foundation
Iron Shiek & Nikolai Volkoff
Dino Bravo & King Tonga

AWA- Tag Teams
J. Garvin & S. Regal
The Road Warriors
S. Hall & K.Hennig
Fabulous Freebirds
Lone Riders

Most Popular
Hulk Hogan
Magnum T.A.
Dusty Rhodes
Rick Martel
Rick Steamboat

| NWA- Top Ten | AWA- Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Ric Flair | Rick Martel |
| Tully Blanchard | Sgt. Slaughter |
| Terry Taylor | Stan Hansen |
| Magnum T.A. | Scott Hall |
| Kerry Von Erich | N. Bockwinkel |
| Iceman Parsons | Michael Hayes |
| Harley Race | Curt Hennig |
| Nikita Koloff | Larry Zbysko |
| Rick Rude | Greg Gagne |
| Lance Von Erich | Boris Zukhov |

| Most Hated | All Time Fan Favorites |
|---|---|
| Roddy Piper | Bruno Sammartino |
| Ric Flair | Andre the Giant |
| Don Muraco | Whipper Billy Watson |
| Tully Blanchard | Pedro Morales |
| Randy Savage | Hulk Hogan |



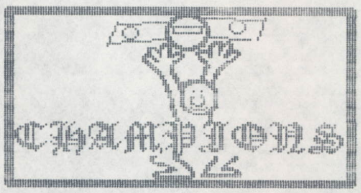
## Wrestling Quotes

Terry Funk- 'I'm middle-aged and crazy.'

Al Vass- (WWF ref) 'Refereeing a George Steele match is like being trapped in a cage with a rabid St. Bernard.'

Jim Garvin- 'We do what we want to, we do it when we want to, we do it how we want to, and we make a lot a money doing it.'

Harley Race- 'What can you say about a man who can touch the fifth floor of a building, then move it if he doesn't like the way things stand? If Andre gets you into a hold, kiss your butt good-bye because he's bringin' it home.'




## Sergeant Slaughter

260 lbs.
Paris Island, N. Carolina

'All American Hero!' The Sarge is the number one defender of truth, justice and the American way. He is also the current Americas champion. Bob Slaughter has also held the NWA tag team belt with Don Kernodle. The Sergeant has battled every anti-American detractor and has always emerged triumphant. His greatest matches have comme against the Iron Shiek and Kamala.

## FOREIGN REPORT

Adrian Street is wrestling's answer to Boy George, no one is sure about him. One thing that is sure is that he can wrestle. The man with the make-up and wild hairdos is an Englishman with talent. Street, usually with a lot of help from his valet Miss Linda, has held the California, the Mid-South, the Southwest and the Mid-American titles. The Exotic One currently holds the Southeast belt (which he painted pink!). Adrian's 20-year career has included matches against some of the greats, Dusty Rhodes, Blackjack Mulligan and more.

## Dino Bravo and King Tonga

by: Serge Solski

Personally, I don't know how these guys made it to the top five! Sure they beat the Heart Foundation bu these oddballs are just too plain. Dudley Dooright and Coconut head just don't make me (or the fans) all that excited. I'd like to say that I would rather see Ted Grizzly and A.J. Petruzzi get the belts than these two! Sure they both have credentials, (they both have held the Canadian championship) but gimme a break! Is Jack Tunney on acid! I'm sorry that I'm carrrying on like this but I don't believe this! How about your opinion? We'd like to know...

## MOSCA MANIA

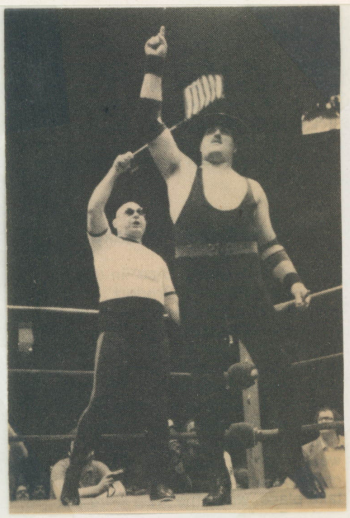
On February 2nd, 1986 at noon, a Mr. Angelo Mosca, Canadian football star and pro wrestler, will bring some of the best wrestlers of the world to the brand new Copps Colesium in Hamilton for 'MoscaMania.' Already signed to this card are NWA World champion Ric Flair, the Boogie-Woogie Man Jimmy Valiant, the American Dream Dusty Rhodes and the number one contenders to the AWA and NWA tag team belts, the Road Warriors.

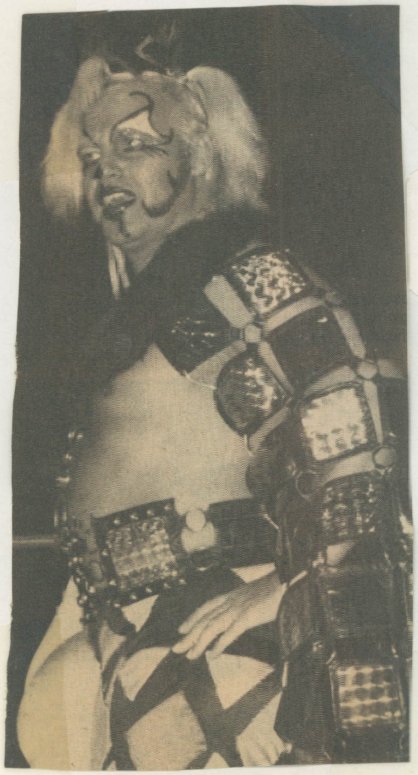
The Spinal Cord Society of Canada will get one dollar of the proceeds from every seat sold.

Don't miss it!!!

Randy 'Macho Man' Savage,
Leaping Lanny Poffo and their
father Angelo Poffo.
Why hasn't the WWF revealed to the
general public that they are brothers?

Sergeant Slaughter, the Americas
champion.





Exotic Adrian Street, the current
Southeast champion.

## NEWS FLASH!!

Ricky 'The Dragon' Steamboat wins a 22-man battle royale in Toronto, Ontario to claim the $50,000 prize as his own. Other wrestlers in the battle included Muraco, Beefcake, Valentine, Uncle Elmer, Hillbilly Jim, Nikolai Volkoff, Ivan Putski, Tony Atlas and Cpl. Kirschner.

The final battle was Ricky against Mr.Fuji and Magnificant Muraco.

The match was allowed to take place after weeks of discussion between promoter Jack Tunney and the Ontario Sports Safety Association.

This was claimed to be the first WWF battle royale in Ontario when in fact, a 16-man battle royale took place in Brantford, Ontario in early 1985 which Ricky Steamboat walked away with $10,000.

# EDITORIAL

For the month of January 1986.

Where has Superfly Snuka gone? The newest rumors are that he is now wrestling regulary on the Hawaiin Islands. Is this the downfall of a former main event star? This man has his own Wrestling Superstars doll and appears on Hulk Hogan's Rock n' Wrestling all the time. Has the WWF fired him? Possibly, he may not have agreed with Vince McMahon's new tactics or maybe he just wanted a change. Would you leave stardom? Superfly was a huge fan favorite in the WWF and he has been around for a long time (16 years professionally in wrestling). Has Superfly leaped from the top rope in the WWF for the last time? We shall see...

## Leaping Lanny Poffo
## Poetry in Motion

This clean, acrobatic, rule-following grappler can really wrestle. When he has worn down his opponent enough, and he lies defeated on the mat, Lanny climbs to the top of the turnbuckles facing the crowd and with a marvelous show of agility, backflips onto his opponent for the pin. It has been said that Lanny is a little too 'wimpy.' Maybe his could use a few tips from his older, tougher brother, Randy Savage.

## WF Notes...

Wendi Richter loses WWF ladies championship to the Spider! The Spider then turns out to be none other than the Fabulous Moolah!

Keep an eye on Mr. Wrestling II, a newcomer to the WWF. He has a very impressive record including teaching the number four contender to the NWA belt, Magnum T.A.

The Junkyard Dog won the first WWF Wrestling Classic with a victory over Randy Savage. Other matches included Tito Santana vs. Paul Orndorff and Davey Boy Smith vs. Rick Steamboat. In the opening round, Terry Funk lost to Moondog Spot.

## ? Rhetorical Questions ?

...Does Jimmy 'Superfly' Snuka call his sister, 'brother'?... How many people believe that Terry Funk's branding iron in hot?... Is Dusty Rhodes the American Dream or the Universal Nightmare?... Is Rick Steamboat a true 'black belt'... How can Cowboy Bob Orton have a forearm injury for nine months or for that matter, how can Iron Mike Sharpe have a forearm injury for two years!?... Who really cares who's 'King of the Islands'?... Who believes that Lanny Poffo writes those poems?... Will Ric Flair ever remove the bandaid from his forehead?... Why did Adrian Adonis dye his hair blond?... Does the Junkyard Dog growl at home?...

## Uncle Elmer for Pig Scrub Deodorant

"Now pigs git really smelly after spendin' a few days in a mud puddle. They starts stinkin' so much it begins to upset the Mrs., so I use, I mean the pigs use, Pig scrub deodorant. It comes in three purty smellin' types, wild roses, field lillies an' aftershave fragrence. It works great for me... er, I mean the pigs, I don't need deodorant..."

Gorilla Monsoon's real name is... Gino (Bob) Morella!

The Fabulous Moolah's real name is... Lillian Ellison and that she used to wrestle under the name of Slave Girl Moolah!

## Did you know that...

Bobby 'The Brain' Heenan used to be known as 'Pretty Boy' Bobby Heenan!

George 'The Animal' Steele once wrestled under a mask and was called The Student!?

The Iron Shiek was a member of the 1968 Iranian Olympic Greco-Roman wrestling team!

## Randy 'Macho Man' Savage

'The man who hates women' This man may only be a newcomer to the WWF but he has already amazed other audiences around the world. Savage has risen to the top of the WWF and has had fabulous matches against Hulk Hogan and Tito Santana. But wherever he's been, he has always seemed to have a problem with the ladies. Once, he pile-drived Adrian Street's valet and now, he has no respect for his beautiful manager, Elizabeth. This is getting some real men mad.

## AWA News

Garvin and Regal continue to provoke controversy by not defending their belts against the top contenders.

The battles between Stan Hansen and Rick Martel continued in a match at Comisky Park in Chicago where the two men battled viciously outside the ring on the infield, each one trying to choke the other.

Nick Bockwinkel and Larry Zbysko are currently at war after the breakup of their tag team.

## MATCHES

### The Chair Death Match—
Wooden chairs permitted as weapons.

### Mexican Death Match—
No time limit. The winner gets one minute in the ring with the loser with no referee present.

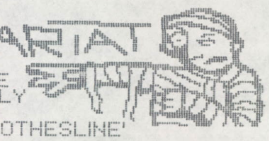
### Brass Knucks Match—
Wrestlers allowed to wear brass knuckles.

### Roman Gladiator Match—
invented by Fred Blassie. The match is over when one man is unconscious or helpless and has been dragged completely around the inside of the ring.

## TIPS

## THE LARIAT

OR MORE COMMONLY CALLED 'THE CLOTHESLINE'



Boys and girls, this can be a very devastating move. Stan Hansen has perfected this move and he now calls it his lariat. The object is to knock your opponent off his or her feet. Run a short distance at 'the enemy.' Put out your right arm, and hit'm across the neck with your forearm. If performed properly, the opponent will be knocked to the floor, and you now maybe able to use a finishing move (figure-four-leglock).

## Reader Corner

In this, our sixth edition, we have decided that we need reader input. Our ratings cannot be based on our opinions alone. We invite personal ratings about any of the leagues, questions, comments or articles. Of course, it is impossible to guarantee that your article will be published, but everything is taken into consideration.
You can give your ideas to any of the contributing writers or write to:

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The deadline for any submissions this month is January 22.

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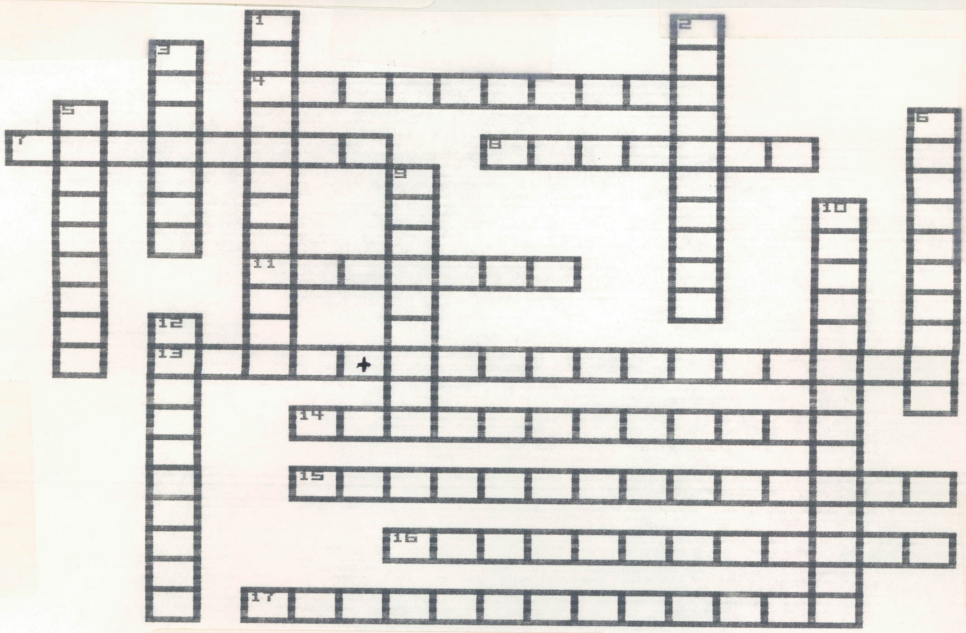
The Wrestling Report's first crossword puzzle, designed to test your wrestling knowledge.
We would like your reaction towards publishing another puzzle next month.



The answers to:
The Wrestling Report's 1st crossword puzzle
will appear next issue.

### ACROSS CLUES

4. NAME OF UPCOMING NWA CARD IN HAMILTON
7. JIMMY GARVIN'S VALET
8. KENDALL & BARRY --------
11. CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL TAG TEAM CHAMPS- JACQUES & RAYMOND --------
13. CURRENT NWA TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS
14. NUMBER ONE CONTENDERS TO NWA & AWA TAG TEAM BELTS
15. WINNER OF RECENT 22-MAN BATTLE ROYALE IN TORONTO
16. ONLY MAN TO HOLD WWF HEAVYWEIGHT BELT, WWF INTERCONTINENTAL BELT AND WWF TAG TEAM BELT
17. HELD NWA BELT BEFORE RIC FLAIR

### DOWN CLUES

1. HELD AWA BELT BEFORE RICK MARTEL
2. THE LARIAT
3. BARON VON --------
5. HELD WWF BELT BEFORE HULK HOGAN
6. RANDY SAVAGE'S YOUNGER BROTHER
9. HELD CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL BELT BEFORE DINO BRAVO
10. NEW WWF LADIES CHAMPION
12. A FORMER CANADIAN CHAMPION, NOW A WORLD CHAMPION

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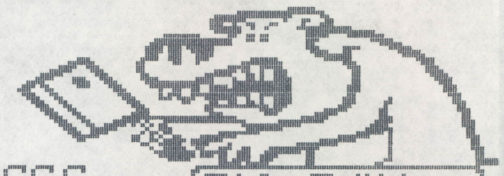

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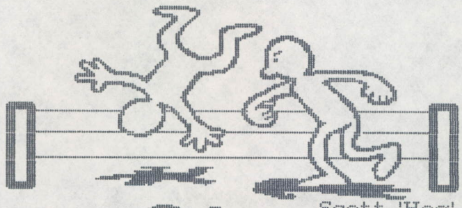


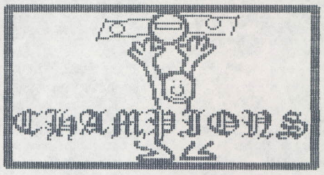
## Wrestling Quotes

Scott 'Hog' Irwin- 'I've been an athlete since I was knee-high to grasshopper'

Jim Garvin- 'It's not my fault that I look as good from the front as I do from the back'

Larry Zbysko- 'Bockwinkle is nothing but a washed up, ex-champion who was on his knees, begging me for months to tag with him to try and bring him back up to where he used to be.'

Road Warrior Animal speaking on the World Class and WWF areas- 'Hey- we'd like the chance to beat up on the Von Erichs, or on Hogan or on The Midget Bulldogs.'




## STAN HANSEN

322 lbs.
Borger, Texas

Wrestling's No.1 bounty hunter is the new AWA heavyweight champion of the world. On December 29 at the Meadowlands in New Jersey, Stan Hansen defeated Rick Martel to claim his first world championship, but not his first title. Hansen has won more titles than there are towns in Texas. The Lariat currently holds the PWF heavyweight and tag team belts. He once broke Bruno Sammartino's neck.

## FOREIGN REPORT

Ivan Koloff. These two words bring to mind a man, flying off the top rope on his knees only to land on a dazed Bruno Sammartino to claim the WWF heavyweight belt. A championship he held for only nine days before bowing out to Pedro Morales. These were some of the greatest matches in wrestling history, mainly because of that crazy Russian, Ivan Koloff. Whether teaming up with likes of Chris Markoff, Don Kernodle or his nephew, Nikita, he is hated because he is a Russian. Ivan, Nikita Koloff & Krusher Krushchev recently lost the NWA tag team belts to R'n'R Express.

## IRON SHIEK & NIKOLAI VOLKOFF

These two foreign wrestlers form a devastating duo that is slowly disappearing from the ranks of the WWF. Former WWF tag team champions, it now seems unlikely that this duo will once again be on top in the WWF. A match between this team and the WWF tag team champs, Beefcake & Valentine, would be a classic. It would shake up the wrestling world: Dream Team to defend America against Shiek & Volkoff! But, unfortunately, it won't happen, at least not in the World Wrestling Federation.

## WRESTLING VIDEOS

AWA- All-Star Wrestling vol.2
NWA- USA Sports Video
Monsters of the Mat vol.1
USA Sports Video
Monsters of the Mat vol.2
Pro Wrestling Illustrated
Ringmasters: The Great American Bash

Watch out for...
WrestleMania 2
April 7, 1986.

Mosca Mania 2
March 9, 1986.
Copps Colesium, Hamilton

## Vince McMahon:

☐ Yes — Helping or Hurting Wrestling — ☐ No

EDITORIAL: FEBRUARY 1986. In the opinion of the editor, Vince McMahon Jr. is no longer helping wrestling. Sure he brought wrestling into the limelight again but that is about it. Here are some of the reasons I feel this way: He has turned the WWF into a freak show: look at Ted Arcidi, TNT, or the 'new' Adorable Adrian Adonis!

He has muscled in on the AWA and the NWA: not only has he taken their talent, he has staged rival promotions in their feature cities.

Merchandising: look at the toys, the records, the clothes... wrestling should be the feature of the league, not the toys!

Characters: the WWF has created some characters that cannot wrestle (Cpl.Kirschner) These characters are based on popularity, not skill.

Moody: why would anyone want to get rid of a superstar like Jimmy Snuka or fan-favorites Barry Windham & Mike Rotundo!

Championship Commitee: lets see... Rick Steamboat deserves a title shot, and Paul Orndorff, even little Dino Bravo! But figure it out, would the WWF ever allow two 'good-guys' to battle for a title? Other leagues do... Remember Martel vs. Backlund?

Now, these may be some pretty strong opinions but we would like you to rate the WWF against the real wrestling leagues...

## Abdullah the Butcher

425 lbs. Sudan

Hugo Savinovitch- 'Abdullah's idea of success is not measured by a title belt but by the amount of pain he inflicts in the ring.' This is the only way to describe Abdullah. The man is huge, ugly and sickening. During television interviews, he has been known to open cuts on his head and drink his own blood! He is not a wrestler, Abdullah is a monster. Abdullah's bloodthirst has brought him the NWF title, the International title and worldwide recognition as a savage brute who will stop at nothing to maim his opponents. Currently, Abdullah is a war with Jimmy Valiant and their battles recently climaxed in a bloody battle at MoscaMania in Hamilton, ending in double-disqualification .

## Boogie Woogie Man Jimmy Valiant

251 lbs. New York, NY 'I advocate peace, love, and togetherness.' So says the former WWF tag team champion. The Boogie Woogie Man is loved all over the world for his great triumphs. But this was not always the case. In the WWF area, Jimmy, along with brothers Luscious Johnny and Gentleman Jerry, reaked havoc and claimed the tag team title. After the disbanding of their team, the brothers went their seperate ways, Jimmy becoming a different man. He now fights the evil men of the world like Abdullah the Butcher. Jimmy Valiant is a champion wherever he goes, bringing justice to the squared circle.

## WF Notes...

The Missing Link has deserted the WWF to wrestle in the World Class Area. He is now being managed by Sunshine and is make an effort to change his ways... Sunshine is turning the Link good!

Barry Windham & Mike Rotundo have left the WWF over contract disputes. They are now wrestling under the NWA banner in Florida with Barry's father, Blackjack Mulligan and his brother, Kendall Windham.

The Iron Shiek & Nikolai Volkoff have lost numerous matches to both The Killer Bees and The British Bulldogs.

HULK HOGAN is a trademark of the Marvel Comics Group, licensed exclusively to Titan Sports, Inc.!

People Magazine has chosen Hulk Hogan as one of the twenty-five most intriguing people of 1985!

## Did you know that...

The Iron Shiek is currently on probation after being convicted of third-degree assault at a gas station in Connecticut!

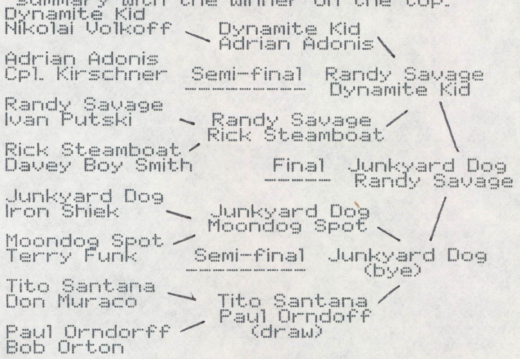
Wendi Richter is a former AWA Ladies tag team champion!

Abdullah the Butcher's real name is... Larry Shreeve!

Terry Funk is a former NWA heavyweight champion!

## Wrestling Classic

The WWF Wrestling Classic was a definite success. It brought us matches like Tito Santana vs. Paul Orndorff and more. At the end of the tourney, the Junkyard Dog was declared the winner and Hulk Hogan's title defense was set to go against Roddy Piper. When the smoke cleared, Roddy Piper had been disqualified after interference by his bodyguard, Ace Orton. In all, November 7th was a fabulous night. Here is a summary with the winner on the top.




## ⚡MATCHES⚡

**West-Virginia-coal-miner's-glove-match-** no time limit, no disqualification, winner take all. The first man to get the steel glove, located on the neutral ring post can use the glove as he pleases.

**Lumberjack Match-** no ropes. Other wrestlers stand around ring to throw back anyone who is tossed out or who tries to escape.

**Blueberry Bowl-** a match which took place in a half-inch of blueberries in the ring.

## AWA NEWS

In a match at Night of Champions II, Rick Martel lost his AWA belt to Stan 'The Lariat' under much controversy. Martel was fighting with a back that was injured two nights before against The Lariat. Hansen also used illegal leverage, the turnbuckle, when forcing Martel to submit to the Boston Crab.

Paul Ellering, the manager of the Road Warriors, has bought six grave plots, one for each of the Freebirds, Steve Regal, Jim Garvin and Precious.

February 17th, 1986.
Madison Square Gardens.
Hulk Hogan vs. Randy Savage
in a Lumberjack Match.

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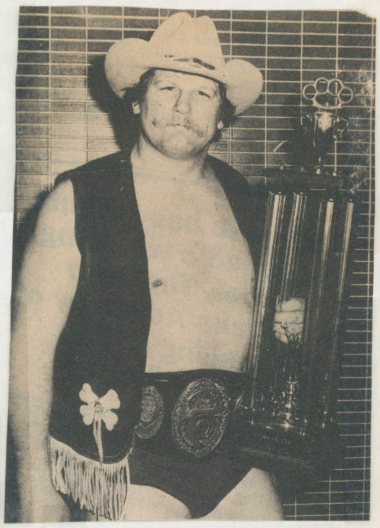
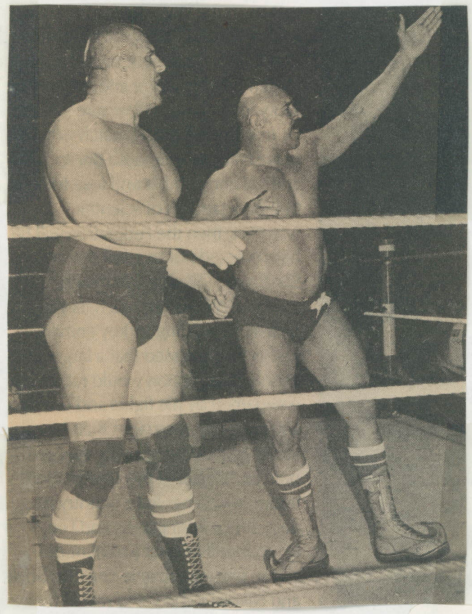
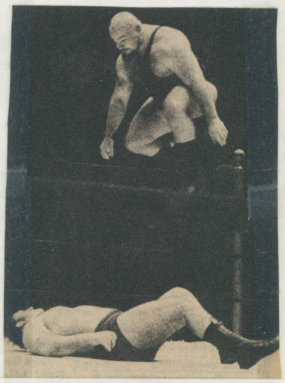


Stan Hansen, new AWA heavyweight champion of the world. On December 29th, 1985, at Night of Champions II, he defeated Rick Martel to claim his first world championship.





This historic leap by Ivan Koloff would end Bruno Sammartino's WWF title reign after 7½ years. Nobody cheered the title change; nobody booed. The Madison Square Gardens fans sat in shock.

The Iron Shiek and Nikolai Volkoff, will they ever get another shot at the WWF tag team championship?

Vince McMahon:
Good or Bad for wrestling?

## NEWS FLASH!!

NEW AWA TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS!!!!!!

Albuquerque, New Mexico: The team of Scott Hall & Curt Hennig defeated the tag team champions, 'Gorgeous' Jimmy Garvin & 'Mr. Electricity' Steve Regal to claim the tag team belts. The match took 58 minutes of the 60 minute time-limit.

The match ended when Jim Garvin took his valet's spray can and attempted to spray Scott Hall in the eyes. Scott Hall ducked and Garvin hit his own man, Steve Regal in the eyes. Scott Hall then got Steve Regal to submit to a massive bear hug.

Apparently, Steve Regal is currently on a cruise to recover from crushed ribs...

We wish the new champions luck... they'll need it!

# Answers to the Wrestling Report's 1st Crossword Puzzle

**Across Answers**

4. MoscaMania
7. Precious
8. Windham
11. Rougeau
13. Ivan+NikitaKoloff
14. RoadWarriors
15. RickySteamboat
16. PedroMorales
17. KerryVonErich

**Down Answers**

1. JumboTsuruta
2. StanHansen
3. Raschke
5. IronShiek
6. LannyPoffo
9. KingTonga
10. Fabulous Moolah
12. RickMartel

Boogie Woogie Man Jimmy Valiant.
251 lbs.
New York City, New York.

MOSCA MANIA

A Smashing Success!

'The NWA is here to stay!' cries Angelo Mosca, organiser of this event.

This is great news to all true wrestling fans. Now, Ric Flair, the Road Warriors and more will be wrestling monthly in Hamilton. Awesome! The next MoscaMania is planned for March 9th, 1986 at Copps Colesium in Hamilton at 12:00 pm.

The February 2nd card featured Ric Flair successfully defending his NWA belt against Dusty Rhodes and the Road Warriors beating Nikita Koloff and Baron Von Raschke.

Abdullah the Butcher.
425 lbs.
Sudan.

Ric Flair, NWA heavyweight champion, successfully defending his belt against former champion, Dusty Rhodes. This was the main event at February 2nd's MoscaMania.

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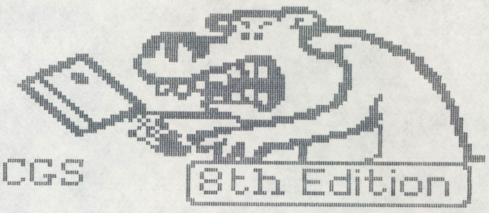

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Curt Hennig
Nick Bockwinkel
Boris Zuchoff

## Wrestling Quotes

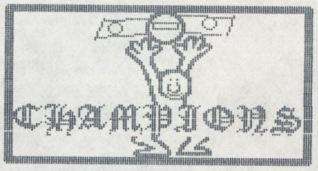
Adorable Adrian Adonis- 'I woke up one morning and decided I was Mrs. Adonis.'

Roddy Piper- 'Just when you think you know all the answers, we change the questions.'

Jerry Blackwell- 'Boris Zuckoff, you're a no good, yellow-bellied coward and the next thing you are is a dirty, stinkin' Russian!'

Sgt. Slaughter- 'Yo Joe! The Cobra Force better look out 'cause Sergeant Slaughter has joined the Joe team.'

Ric Flair- 'I'm the NWA World champion, the singlemost important man in the sport of professional wrestling today.'




## Randy Savage

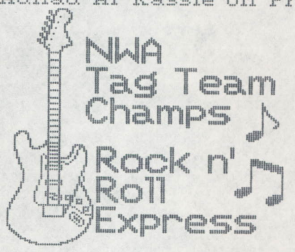
245 lbs.
Sarasota, FL

The new WWF Inter-continental champion is Randy 'Macho Man' Savage. He pinned Tito Santana in the Boston Garden to claim the belt with the obvious use of a foreign object. Savage now plans to take the WWF heavyweight belt and possibly the tag team belts with partner Jesse Ventura. He certainly has the credentials to do so. Watch Savage and Elizabeth, they'll be goin' places.

## FOREIGN REPORT

Who is the most hated man currently on the ProWrestling USA circuit? Most likely, it is Boris Zuchoff, a member of the Shiek's Army. At 265 lbs. and standing 6 foot, this Russian strong-man lets it be known that he hates Americans. To him, Russians are far superior. Boris' interference in a Flair-Slaughter NWA title match cost Slaughter the possible championship. Flair was in the Sarge's cobra clutch when Zuchoff ran in and helped Flair double-team the Sergeant.

You can be sure Zuchoff's antics will continue under the guidance of Shiek Adnad Al-Kassie on ProWrestling USA.




There isn't a flashier duo in the sport of wrestling today. Rick Morton and Robert Gibson are the Rock 'n' Roll Express, the NWA tag team champions of the world. Inside the ring the Express rely upon their speed and sensational skills to claim victory. Though together they only weigh 423 pounds, they have take on heavyweights like former champs Ivan & Nikita Koloff. If you get a chance to watch this duo, don't miss it!

## ? Rhetorical Questions ?

What has happened to Adrian Adonis?... Do you think he wants to be that way?... Do you realize that if Adorable Adrian Adonis teamed with Exotic Adrian Street, we'd have Adrian & Adrian- the Gay-Team!... Should Adrian's manager Jimmy Hart now be called a valet?... Does Mr.T. really belong in pro wrestling?... Who really cares who wins the Slammys?... Is Superfly Afi really the cousin of the great Superfly Snuka?... Compare Ric Flair's figure-four leglock to Tito Santana's-which hurts more!?... Will the Killer Bees be the next wrestlers to do a Honey Nut Cheerios commercial?... Are Boxing Bob Orton's punches real?...

Watch for:
AWA WrestleRock 86
Sunday, April 20th, 1986.

WrestleMania 2
Monday, April 7th, 1986.

## EDITORIAL

For the month of March 1986.

Maybe I should be begging for forgiveness after my heated column on Vince McMahon Jr. last issue... maybe I should continue pulling apart the WWF... but there's one think I'd like to say- the WWF sure has talent. Where else is there a league where there are wrestlers of the calibre of a Rick Steamboat, a Dory Funk, a Jake Roberts, a Randy Savage and more. Why are they in the WWF area? Simple, money and fame. Jack Tunney sure pays good... The WWF reaches the widest audiences by making media creations (like Hulk Hogan). They should be called the WEF- the Wrestling as Entertainment Federation, not the WWF.

## NWA Happenings...

Starrcade 85: Dusty Rhodes pinned Ric Flair for temporary possesion of the NWA title. The referee had been knocked out when Ric Flair's cousin, Arn Anderson entered the ring. Dusty managed to get rid of Anderson and a replacement referee appeared. Rhodes then rolled Flair over for the pin. After viewing the tapes though, the NWA was forced to reverse the decision.

Buddy Landel won the National title from Terry Taylor with a little help from his manager J.J. Dillon.

The Rock 'n' Roll Express defeated Ivan & Nikita Koloff to regain the NWA tag team belts.

Magnum T.A. won the U.S. title from Tully Blanchard.

Krusher Krushchev won the vacant Mid-Atlantic title by beating Sam Houston.

Other: A few nights before Starrcade, Dusty Rhodes donned war paint and teamed up with the Road Warriors to take on the team of the Andersons, Arn & Ole and their cousin Ric Flair. It was Ric Flair's first encounter with the Warriors and it won't be his last. When the dust had cleared, Dusty has scored a clean pinfall on Arn Anderson.

The $50,000 bounty on Butch Reed still exists. Ric Flair put the price on Reed's head a few months back.

## WWF Notes...

Randy Savage is the new WWF Inter-continental champ after defeating Tito Santana at the Boston Gardens with the use of an illegal foreign object.

Big John Studd has been wrestling in the Carribean.

In a recent match in St.Louis, WWF champ Hulk Hogan lost to King Kong Bundy by countout. Hogan was counted out while he was fighting with Bobby Heenan outside the ring.

Saturday Night's Main Event on January 4th, 1986 received the highest rating ever recorded for that (11:30 pm) time slot on NBC.

## AWA NEWS

Shiek Adnad Al-Kassie's Army keeps getting stronger and stronger. The Barbarian, the Mongolian Stomper and Boris Zuchoff form his devastating team. Look for them to take on tag team champs Hall & Hennig soon.

Has Rick Martel left the AWA? He is currently wrestling in the International wrestling area.

The AWA has released an entire line of merchandise- tshirts, videos, dolls, posters, and more. A turn for the better or for the worse?

Paul Orndorff played pro football for the New Orleans Saints!

Stan Hansen, played pro football for the San Diego Chargers!

Jesse 'the Body' Ventura was a bodyguard for the Rolling Stones!

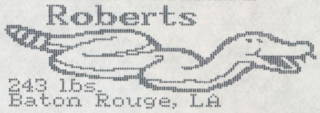
## Did you know that...

Scott Hall and Dan Spivey were once a tag team called the American Starship. Hall was Coyote, Spivey was Eagle.

Classy Freddie Blassie has his own fan club, 'the Geekstompers of America'!

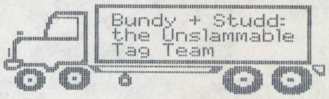
Cosmopolitan magazine named Rick Steamboat one of the ten sexiest professional sports stars of 1985.

## Jake 'the Snake' Roberts



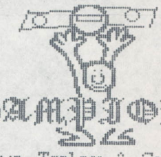
243 lbs.
Baton Rouge, LA

Jake Roberts, once part of Paul Ellering's Legion on Doom is now wrestling in the WWF area. He won his debut match against Scott McGhee in 8:36 at Maple Leaf Gardens on March 2nd. Jake has been hated, feared and cheered by fans and opponents alike. The nickname 'Snake' fits this seven year wrestling veteran. Look for Roberts to make a name for himself in the WWF area. Jake is the master of 'wrestling's only true finishing maneuver,' the DDT.




A self-proclaimed giant and a bald behemoth, with a combined weight of 810 pounds, have teamed up to form the unslammable tag team. Big John Studd, King Kong Bundy and their sneaky manager Bobby Heenan have size, weight, skill, experience, potential and credentials. But where have they gone wrong? They could now be crushing the top five WWF tag teams, but instead, they have wasted too much time trying to oust Andre the Giant from the ranks of pro wrestling. They must be missing brains! Sure these guys look awesome, but to us, how can they be awesome when they have lost so many times to old man Andre?

## Captain Lou's CHAMPIONS



WWF Heavy-weight champs: Ivan Koloff
WWF Inter-continental: Don Muraco
WWF Tag Team: the Mongols, the Moondogs, the Sicilians- Lou Albano & Tony Altamore, Tarzan Tyler & Crazy Luke Graham, the Samoans- Siki & Afi: Three times, the Valiants- Jim, John, Jerry: twice, Barry Windham & Mike Rotundo: twice, Mr. Fuji & Mr. Saito, King Curtis & Baron Scicluan, Masked Executioners, Yukon Lumberjacks, Dick Murdoch & Adrian Adonis
Next: the British Bulldogs?

## wrestling T-shirts

Hulk Hogan-
'I fear no man.'

Randy Savage-
'Hulk Who?'
'I'm the champ.'

'Precious' Paul Ellering-
'Who's Gonna Beat Us?'
'The American Dream' Dusty Rhodes-
'Slam That Sucker Down!'
'I Can Tell You About Pain.'
Greg 'the Hammer' Valentine-
'I broke Wahoo's leg.'
'Georgeous' Jimmy Garvin-
'It's not my fault.'
'Luscious' Johnny Valiant-
'How sweet it is.'
Jake 'the Snake' Roberts-
'DDT: Cruel but fair.'

Maple Leaf Wrestling
Sunday, March 23 7:30 pm
Maple Leaf Gardens
The Funk Brothers vs.
Junkyard Dog and Andre the Giant

AWA Niagara Falls
Wednesday, April 9th, 1986.
On card: Sgt.Slaughter, Rick Martel,
Long Riders, Hall & Hennig

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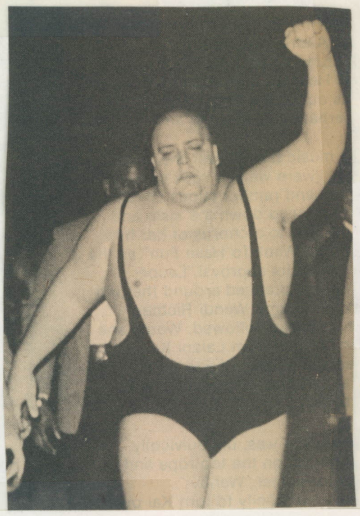
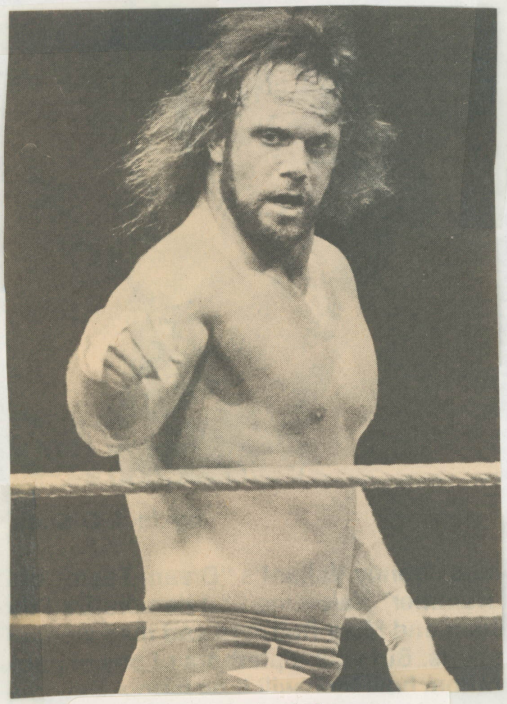
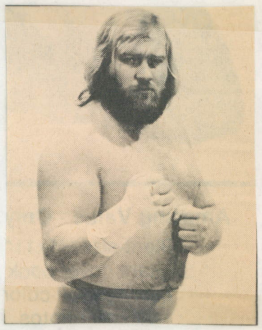


King Kong Bundy and Big John Studd, the unslammable tag team?



Randy 'Macho Man' Savage- the new WWF Intercontinental champion.



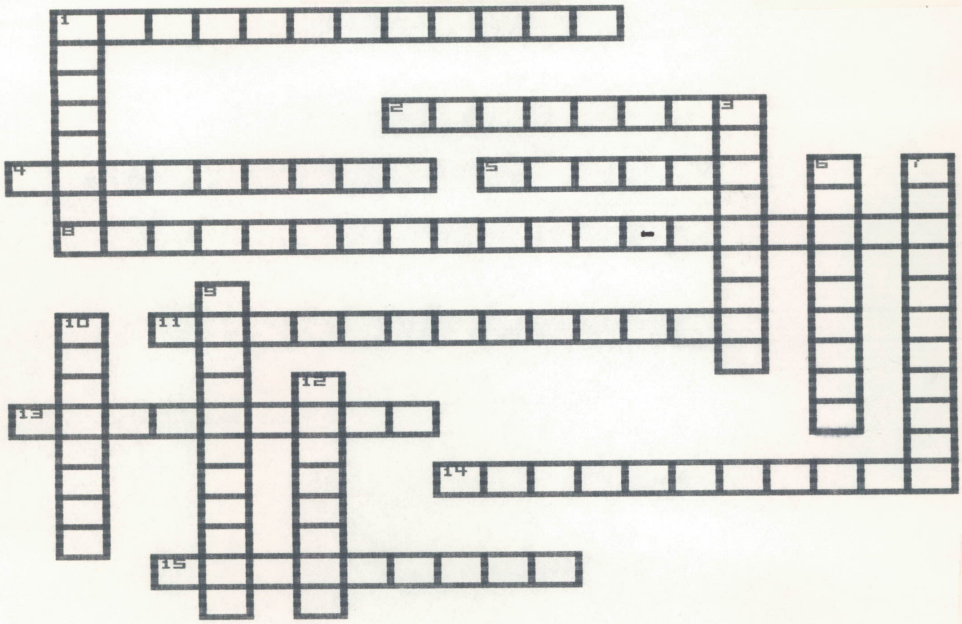
Boris Zuchoff, the most hated wrestler on the ProWrestling USA circuit.

Captain Lou Albano-
Manager of 16 WWF tag Team champions,
1 WWF heavyweight champion, and
1 WWF Intercontinental champion.

Managers and Valets

The Wrestling Report's
Second Crossword Puzzle

This puzzle is designed to test your knowledge of the managers and valets around the wrestling world. Answers will appear next month.

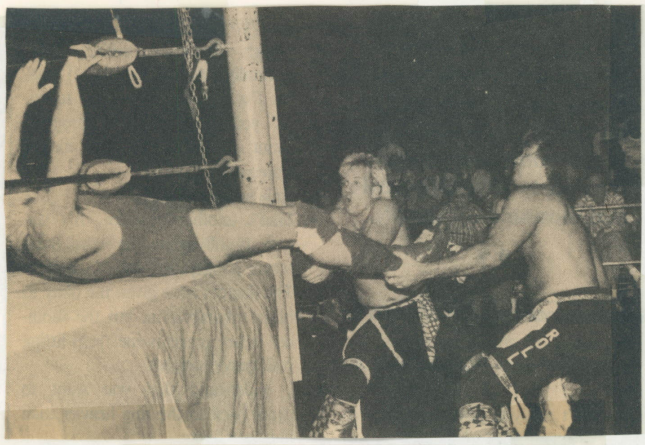


ACROSS CLUES

1. MANAGER OF THE ROAD WARRIORS
2. THE MISSING LINK'S VALET
4. CAPTAIN OF ALL TAG TEAMS
5. SNEAKY OREINTAL
8. CURRENT MANAGER OF BORIS ZUCHOFF, THE BARBARIAN AND THE MONGOLIAN STOMPER.
11. BROTHER OF THE BOOGIE WOOGIE MAN
13. THE MOUTH OF THE SOUTH
14. MANAGES LOVERBOY DENNIS CONDREY AND BEAUTIFUL BOBBY EATON
15. MANAGES ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER

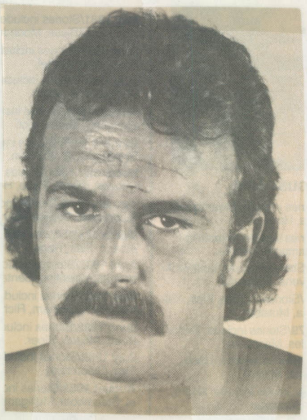
DOWN CLUES

1. VALET TO GEORGEOUS JIMMY
3. A BEAUTIFUL WWF 'MANAGER'
6. EXOTIC ADRIAN STREET'S VALET
7. HOLLYWOOD FASHION PLATE
9. SELF-PROCLAIMED WWF MANAGER OF THE YEAR
10. MANAGES NATURE BOY BUDDY LANDEL
12. TULLY BLANCHARD'S VALET



The Rock 'n' Roll Express, Rick Morton and Robert Gibson, try to turn Ivan Koloff into a soprano.

Jake 'the Snake' Roberts



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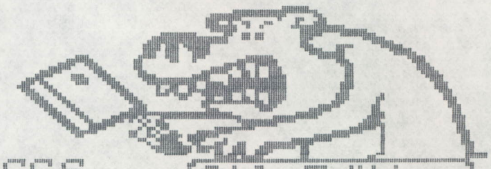

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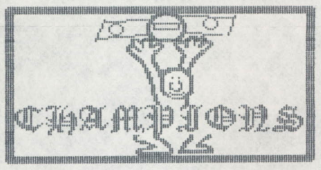



## Dusty Rhodes

302 lbs.
Austin, Texas

The NWA TV champion is 'the American Dream' Dusty Rhodes, a title he won from Tully Blanchard at the Great American Bash in a steel cage. Dusty has also held the NWA world champion ship on two different occasions. Currently, Dusty is feuding violently with NWA champ Ric Flair and blood has been flowing. For the last 17 years, Dusty has been the most recognisable man in the sport.

## FOREIGN REPORT

The Russian Road Warrior, Nikita Koloff boasts one of the best physiques in wrestling today. At 275 pounds from Moscow, Russia, Nikita Koloff is one of the top contenders to Ric Flair's NWA belt. While teaming up with his uncle, Ivan Koloff and comrade Krusher Krushchev, Nikita has the NWA six-man tag belts and has held the NWA tag team belts twice. With only two years of pro wrestling experience under his belt, Nikita Koloff is still years away from his prime. A little more wrestling knowledge and this big Russian could be a BIG force to reckon with.

## USA EXPRESS

BARRY WINDHAM
MIKE ROTUNDO

These two dynamic youths form one of the most loved tag teams in pro wrestling today, the USA Express. Former two time WWF tag team champs, Windham & Rotundo are now wrestling under the NWA banner in Florida. The Express will soon be top rated high for the NWA tag team belts (held by Dennis Condrey & Bobby Eaton) or the AWA belts (held by Scott Hall & Curt Hennig), which ever they choose to go after first. Both men have held numerous singles titles and have had NWA title shots. Look for the USA Express to return to the top of all tag teams.

## Wrestling Quotes

Rowdy Roddy Piper- 'You don't throw rocks at a man who has a machine-gun.'

Mean Gene Okerlund- 'Orndorff. He's a psycho-path. Get him out of here!'

Precious Paul Ellering- 'You mess with the best, you die with the rest.'

Jesse Ventura- 'His name is Macho Man, Gorilla. Call him by his real name, I don't call you Orangutan!'

Matt Brock (journalist)- 'Snuka is kind of a cross between Mil Mascaras and George Steele: you can admire the ability that's there, but if he's coming after you, my advice is to run like hell!'

## WRESTLING VIDEOS

From Coliseum Video:
Wrestling's Country Boys
WWF Wrestling Classic
The Tag Team Champions
WWF Presents the Managers
Best of the WWF vol.4
Best of the WWF vol.5
The Life and Times of Captain Louis Albano

Saturday Night's Main Event
Saturday, May 3, 1986. 11:30 pm

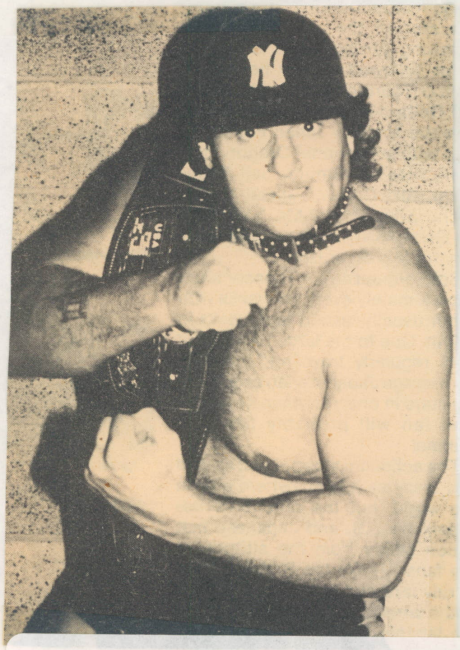
Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

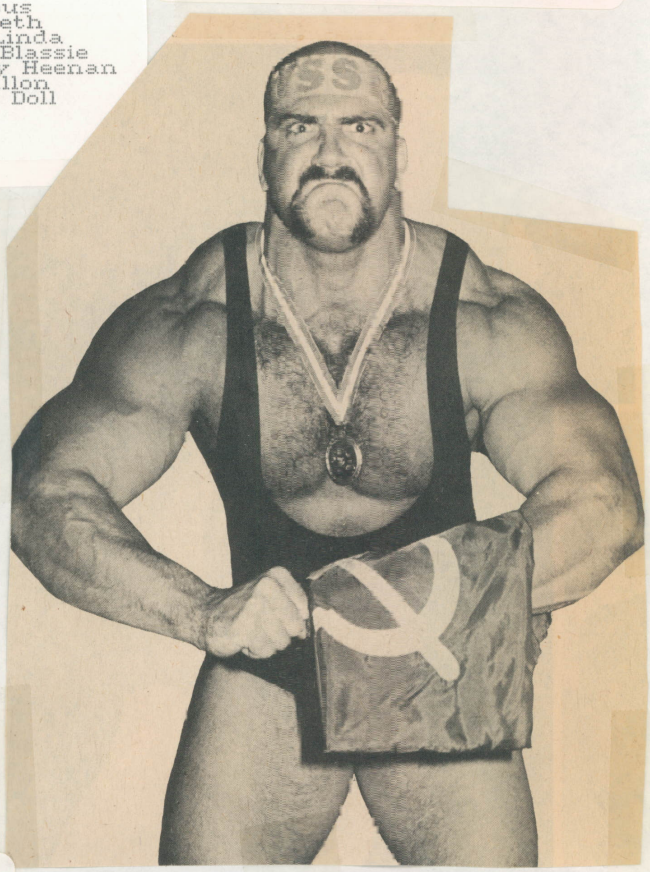
# Answers to the Wrestling Report's 2nd Crossword Puzzle— Managers and Valets

**Across**
1. Paul Ellering
2. Sunshine
4. Lou Albano
5. Mr. Fuji
8. Shiek Adnad Al-Kassie
11. Johnny Valiant
13. Jimmy Hart
14. Jim Cornette
15. Paul Jones

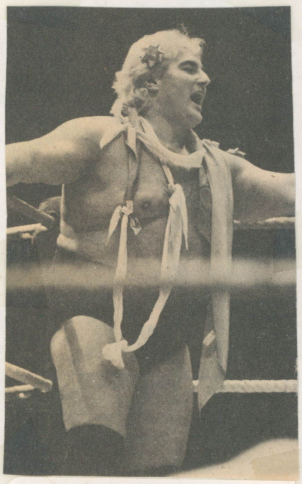
**Down**
1. Precious
3. Elizabeth
6. Miss Linda
7. Fred Blassie
9. Bobby Heenan
10. JJ Dillon
12. Baby Doll

The Russian Foad Warrior, Nikita Koloff, cousin of the great Russian Bear, Ivan Koloff.





Adrian Adonis, then, at 250 lbs.



Adrian Adonis, now, weighing more than 300 pounds.

Jim Cornette with his NWA tag team champions- the Midnight Express- Bobby Eaton & Dennis Condrey

Barry Windham & Mike Rotundo with their former manager Lou Albano.

# EDITORIAL

For the month of April 1986.

Move over Hogan! Make way for the new heavyweight champion of the world- William 'the Refridgerator' Perry!

'The football player?'

'Yep.'

'But he's still playing! He could get hurt.'

'He's going where the money is... professional wrestling!'

This fictional conversation proves something: football players make great wrestlers- after their playing days are over! Look at Stan Hansen, JYD or even Tito Santana. But these guys all waited until their career was over. Should Bill Fralic or Russ Francis be risking it all? No way!

## 'Adorable' Adrian Adonis

310 lbs.
New York, NY

Who remembers Adrian Adonis, clad in leather jacket and studded collar entering the ring with his partner Dick Murdoch and their WWF tag team belts? Or maybe the infamous AWA tag team, the 'East-West Connection' of Adonis and Jesse Ventura?

Adonis recently stated on a 'Piper's Pit' segment that 'he has come out of the closet.' This looks like the down-fall of a great wrestler, the 'un-crowned champion of the world' could be heading down the wrong road.

## WF Notes...

Bigger news than WrestleMania2!! the WWF has recently allowed the Iron Shiek & Nikolai Volkoff a title shot against Brutus Beefcake & Greg Valentine! This is news. Though Shiek & Volkoff didn't win, it could be a turning point for the WWF tag team scene (see article pg.2). Can you imagine the champs against the Hart Foundation or the Funks! Allright!

Cousin Junior has left the WWF for Mid-Southern wrestling.

Wendi Richter, after the WWF refused a rematch against the Fabulous Moolah, has retired, from wrestling for a while...

## AWA NEWS

King Kong Brody has returned to the AWA under manager Shiek Adnad Al-Kassie and is feuding with Jerry Blackwell.

The Fabulous Freebirds have returned to World Class wrestling in Texas where they will resume an old feud with the Von Eric hs.

You may have seen Road Warrior Hawk's new spiked jacket. Hawk claims that the suit cost him more than $5000 American.

## NWA Happenings...

Jim Cornette's team of Bobby Eaton and Dennis Condroy are the new NWA tag team champions as of Feb 2nd, when they defeated Robert Gibson and Rick Morton. The battle was wild and wooly and only ended with the Midnight Express as champions because of their manager's interference.

The war between Dusty Rhodes and Ric Flair has set the wrestling world afire. These battles have even surpassed the Rhodes-Flair matches of 1984. Most of the referee's calls have been going Flair's way.

Jesse 'the Body' Ventura has served more than 17 years in the United States Navy, including Vietnam!

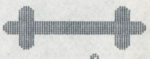
The Iron Shiek is a former Canadian International champion!

## Did you know that...

Ken Patera and Mr. Saito, sentenced to two years in jail for a brawl with Wisconsin police, were denied parole in November and will be eligible again this spring.

Bob Backlund, former WWF champion, has said that he will not return to pro wrestling until he gets a match with Hulk Hogan.

## The Funks



## Terry & Dory Jr.

Terry and Dory Funk are most likely the best brother combination in the sport of professional wrestling. Think about it, both men are former NWA world champions. So what if they haven't won many tag team titles? They've already wrestled the best. Dory Jr. came to the WWF to help his brother Terry in his feud with the Junkyard Dog. This was a good idea for Terry who seemed to be losing more matches than he won against the JYD. Now this team must set their goals, are they going after the tag team belts together? or will they choose to go after chump Hogan? Time will tell...

by: Serge Solski

## WF Tag Team Scene: Dead or Alive?

How many tag teams in the WWF can you name that are new, fresh and exciting? If anyone came to mind besides Barry O and John K-9, tell us because we'd sure like to know. The WWF tag team scene has grown stagnant with teams like the Killer Bees, the British Bulldogs, the Dream Team, or the Funks. The Dream Team are closet champs while the Funks could bore the hell out of a March hare! The top five teams are past their peak or have lost their purpose. I just hope a new team like Ventura & Savage will make life interesting.

## George Steele & Elizabeth?

Could it be?... Beauty & the Beast?... If you have been watching WWF wrestling lately, you would have noticed a strange courtship going on. George 'the Animal' Steele seems to have fallen head over heels for the 'Macho Man' Randy Savage's manager/valet Elizabeth. George seems fascinated by her beauty and recently gave her some flowers. A furious Macho Man then smashed the flowers in George's face. But George won't let Savage get in his way- the Animal clubbed Savage until he crawled away. Expect a turning point in this affair April 7, when Savage defends his Inter-continental belt against George.

## The $500,000 Heavyweight Battle Royale

OR: 'How do you get these guys over the top rope!?'

Featuring:

| | |
|---|---|
| Andre the Giant | Baba the Giant |
| Big John Studd | King Kong Bundy |
| Big John Harris | Jerry Blackwell |
| One Man Gang | Abdullah the Butcher |
| Kamala | Man Mountain Moore |
| Uncle Elmer | Earthquake Andrew |
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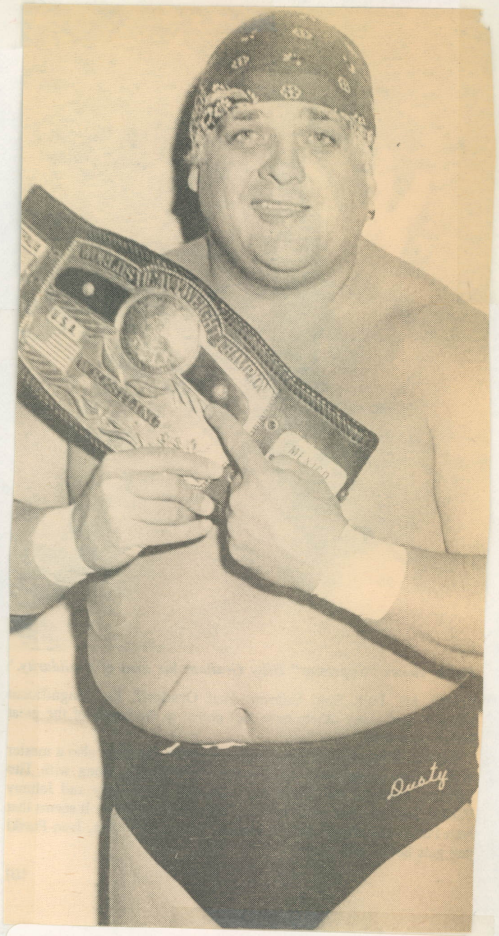
Elizabeth has a decision to make- George or Randy?




'The American Dream' Dusty Rhodes posing with his NWA championship way back in 1981.

## WRESTLE MANIA 2

Originating: New York, Chicago, Los Angeles.
When: Monday, April 7, 1986. 8:00 pm EST.
# of matches: 11
Federation: WWF
Note: Wrestle Mania 2 can be seen around the world on closed circuit television.
Matches signed:
WWF Championship in a steel cage:
Hulk Hogan vs. King Kong Bundy
Boxing Match:
Mr.T vs. Rowdy Roddy Piper
WWF Tag Team Championship:
Brutus Beefcake & Greg Valentine vs. Dynamite Kid & Davey Boy Smith
WWF Intercontinental Championship:
Randy Savage vs. George Steele
WWF Ladies Championship:
Fabulous Moolah vs. Velvet McIntyre
Flag Match:
Nikolai Volkoff vs. Cpl. Kirschner
20-Man Battle Royale including:
Andre the Giant, Big John Studd, Iron Shiek, Tony Atlas, Ted Arcidi, Hillbilly Jim, Bruno Sammartino, King Tonga, Lanny Poffo, Danny Spivey, Pedro Morales, B.Brian Blair, Jim Brunzell, Jim Neidhart, Brett Hart, William Perry, Jim Covert, Bill Fralic, Ed Jones, Harvey Martin, Russ Francis
Jake Roberts vs. George Wells
Rick Steamboat vs. Hercules Hernadez
Uncle Elmer vs. Adrian Adonis
Tito Santana & Junkyard Dog vs. Terry & Dory Funk

-the WWF has 22 men scheduled for their 20-man battle royale.
-sequel to Wrestle Mania

VS.

Birthdays in May:
May 2: Moondog Spot
May 4: Mr. Fuji
May 10: Tito Santana
May 18: Jimmy Snuka
May 19: Andre the Giant
May 28: Kamala
May 30: Jake Roberts

## WRESTLE ROCK '86

originating: Minneapolis, Minnesota
when: Sunday, April 20, 1986. 2:30 CST.
# of matches: 12 Federation: AWA
Note: country-rock star Waylon Jennings will perform before & after Wrestle Rock '86.
Signed to card:
Harley Race, Wahoo McDaniel, Nick Bockwinkel, Larry Zbysko, Jerry Blackwell, King Kong Brody, Barry Windham & Mike Rotundo, Boris Zuchoff, the Barbarian, AWA tag team champs Scott Hall & Curt Hennig, AWA champ Stan Hansen, America's champ Sgt. Slaughter,
AWA ladies championship:
Candy Devine vs. Sherri Martel
Playboy & Pretty Boy vs. the Midnight Rockers,
Ladies 10-Woman Battle Royale

-Not all details of Wrestle Rock '86 have been released yet. The AWA is hoping to get it on closed circuit television around the United States & Canada.
-Not all the matches have been set.
-It looks like the AWA did not get organized soon enough to directly combat the WWF's Wrestle Mania 2.

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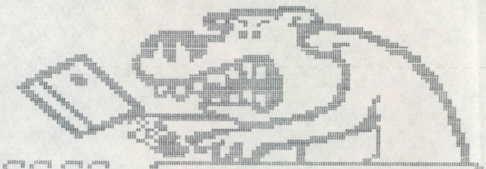

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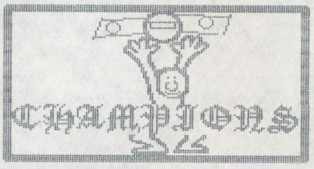



## Rick Rude

246 lbs. Robbinsdale, Minnesota

With World Class wrestling in Texas declaring itself a world wide organization, they have made Ravishing Rick Rude their world champion. Rick Rude is a young, agile, powerful man in the perfect wrestling body. Rude beat Iceman Parsons on November 4, 1985 to win the WCWA American championship. Says Rude- 'I was not only born to be ravishing, baby, I was born to rule.'

## FOREIGN REPORT

At six foot six inches, weighing 316 pounds with a painted face, Nord the Barbarian is someone to watch out for. Managed by the hated Shiek Adnad Al-Kassie, the Barbarian has been teaming up with other members of the Shiek's Army to make war with the AWA's heroes- the Road Warriors, Jerry Blackwell, Sgt. Slaughter, and tag team champs Hall & Hennig. The Barbarian possesses one of the best flying shoulder blocks in the sport and has seemingly unlimited strength and power. With the Shiek's money in his pocket, Nord the Barbarian will continue to terrorize the AWA.

## Fabulous Freebirds

The Fabulous Freebirds, the Baddest Team in all the land, are Michael Hayes, Buddy Roberts and Terry Gordy. Hailing form Badstreet, Atlanta GA, these three men have etched their names all over Texas. Almost every belt in the World Class has been held by one or more Freebird. Their battles against the Von Erichs for the World Class Six-Man Tag championship are legendary. To list the Freebird's other accomplishments outside the WCWA would also take a while. Stints in the WWF, AWA and NWA have led the fearsome threesome to become world reknown, whether loved or hated. The Freebirds will always be together, and they will most certainly always be Fabulous.

## Wrestling Quotes

Sergeant. Slaughter-- 'Never, never let the enemy eat your breakfast.'

Nick Bockwinkel- 'It's not the size of the dog in the fight but the size of the fight in the dog.'

Hillbilly Jim- 'I'm fine and dandy and twice as handy.'

Matt Brock (journalist)- 'Savage is a cruel, arrogant slimeball in desparate need of a good solid beating from Hogan.'

Bruiser Brody- 'I crave red and green, blood and cash.'

## WRESTLING VIDEOS

AWA Verne Gagne Presents...
Sgt. Slaughter
The Road Warriors
AWA's Greatest Championship Matches
AWA Tag Team Champions

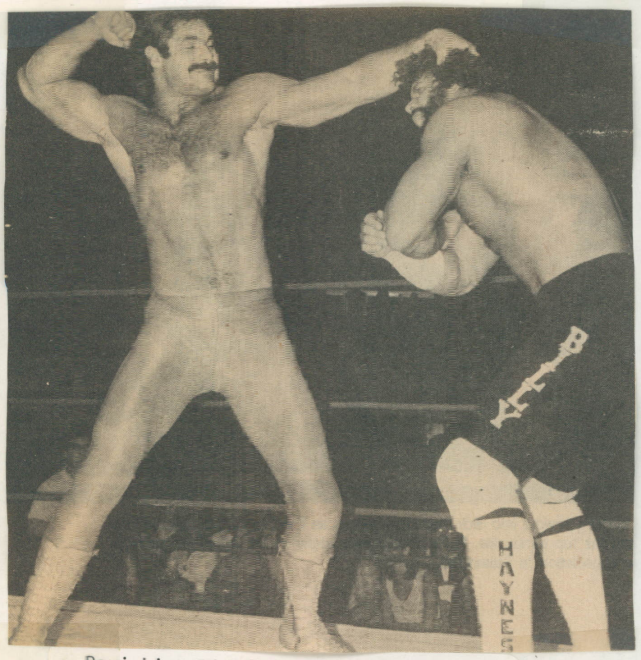
NWA Pro Wrestling Illustrated:
Lords of the Ring

WWF Buffalo
May 21st, 1986
Memorial Auditorium

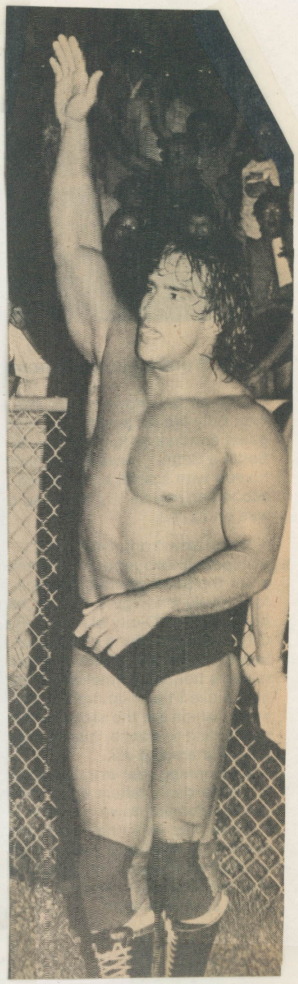
WWF London
June 2nd, 1986
London Gardens

## printing errors!? who? us?

At the time of our last edition, Dusty Rhodes was not the NWA TV champion, but the National champion. The current TV champ is Arn Anderson. Recently, Dusty lost his National belt to Tully Blanchard, the man he took the NWA TV title from! Birthdays: Moondog Rex's birthday is on May 2nd, not Moondog Spot's.




Ravishing Rick Rude, the World Class American champion, beating up on Billy Jack Haynes.



Rick 'the Dragon' Steamboat

The Fabulous Freebirds, left to right- Buddy Roberts, Michael Hayes and Terry Gordy.

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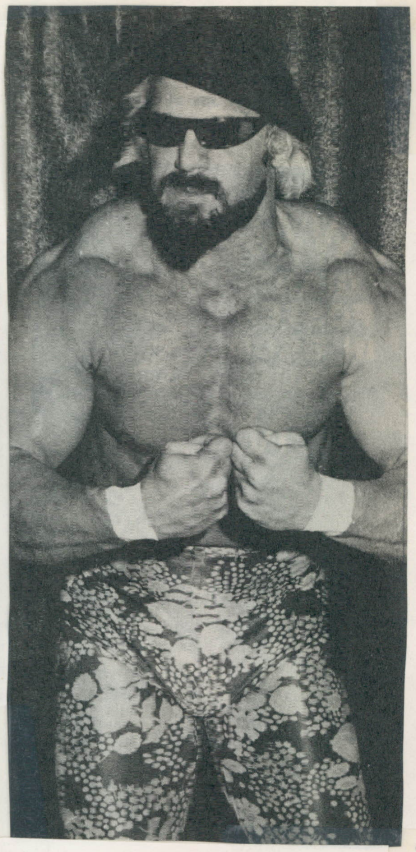
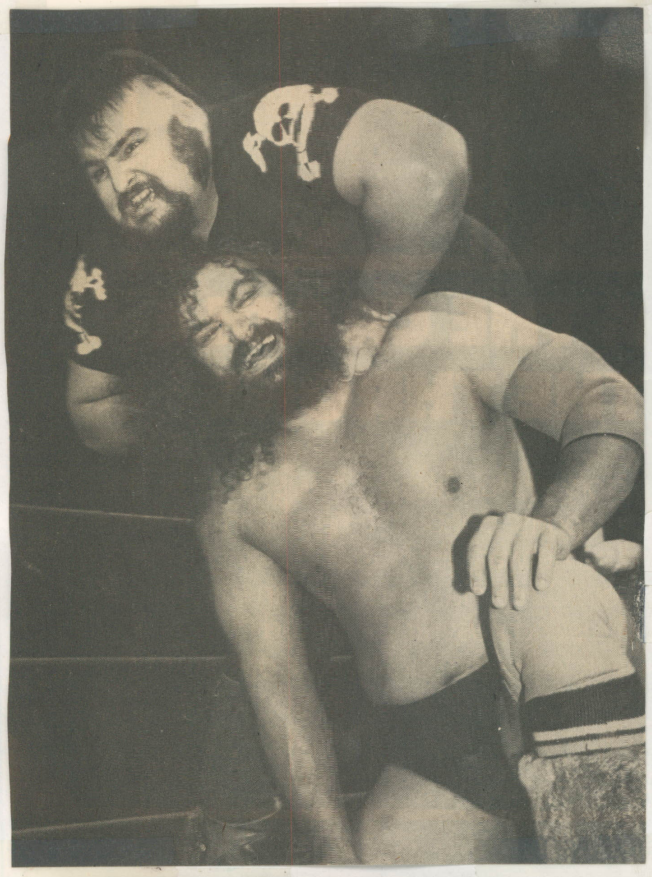


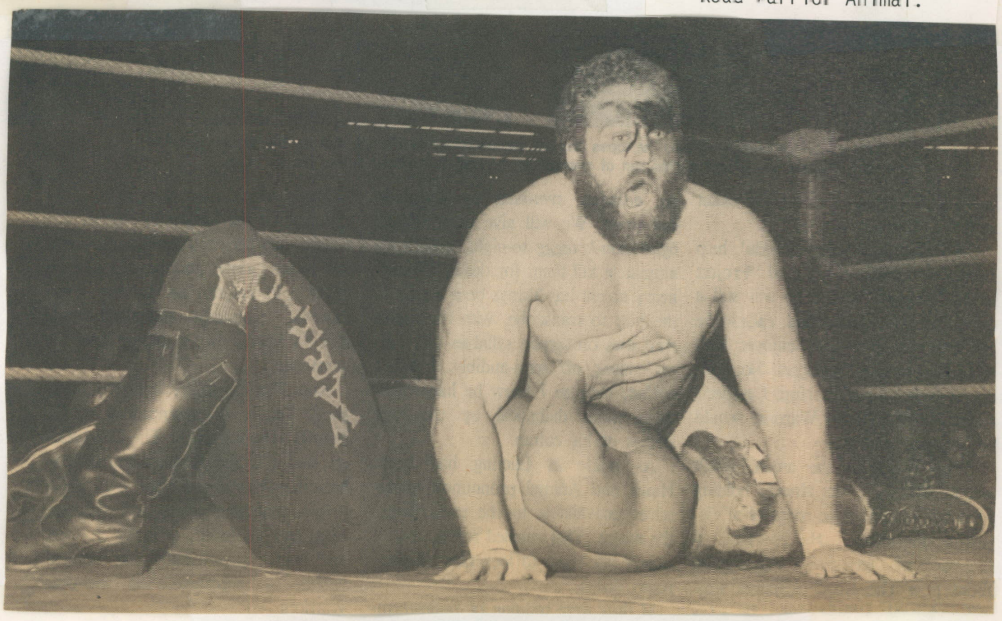
Jesse 'the Body' Ventura, the man who tells it like it is.



One Man Gang chokes Bruiser Brody.

Birthdays in June:
June 4: Gorilla Monsoon
June 6: Moondog Spot
June 15: Brad Armstrong
June 18: Salvatore Bellomo
June 19: Wahoo McDaniel
June 21: Mark YoungBlood
June 24: Paul Jones

Nord the Barbarian covers Road Warrior Animal.



# EDITORIAL

For the month of May 1986.

Louis Albano may have credentials- 16 tag team championships, but after his conduct at WrestleMania 2, he may as well stop managing his newest team, the British Bulldogs. During the match, Dynamite Kid was knocked from the top rope to the floor just before Davey Boy pinned Greg Valentine. As soon as the bell rang, Smith rolled out of the ring to help his fallen partner while the selfish Albano took the microphone proclaiming his great mangerial skills. He didn't even worry for the injured Kid. When the new champs left, a huge bruise was visible on the Kid's back. Albano should go back to managing the Moondogs- he knew them.

## Jesse the Body Ventura

Jesse Ventura, or 'the Body' as he is sometimes called, is 'The Man Who Tells It Like It Is.' The latter is most likely devious scheme devised by Ventura to trick people into believing that he knows what he's talking about. Ventura, a 17-year US Navy veteran and an 11-year ring veteran. His greatest successes have come while in tag team competion with Adrian Adonis- the East-West Connection. Together they held the AWA tag team belts for almost a year. Ventura has recently turned to commen-tating on WWF broadcasts- His opportunity to support his friends and accuse his enemies.

## Ventura Quotes

A section dedicated to the man who has provided so many great quotes... Jesse 'the Body' Ventura!

'When you're as great as I am, success just seems to come naturally.'

'There is not a man around who can give me half a fight.'

'Hogan's a bum, I tell you, he doesn't have half the class that I do.'

'I have a question for you McMahon: What's the difference between a thumb in the eye and a blatant thumb in the eye?'

'Wowl Muraco's gonna take that suntan right off Hogan's body!'

'I am too good not to be champion.'

'The pleasure was all yours.'

'I seen it. I love it.'

## AWA NEWS

Steve Regal & Jim Garvin have returned to World Class wrestling after losing their tag team belts.

Rumour has it that Shiek Adnad Al-Kassie will add another man to his army- the masked mystery- Lord Humongous!

Shawn Michaels & Marty Janetti look impressive together as the Midnight Rockers.

David Sammartino has had numerous titles shots against champ Stan Hansen.

## NWA Happenings...

World Class wrestling has pulled out of the NWA! This area has always produced great challengers to the NWA title, the Von Erichs, Rick Rude, Bruiser Brody, and the list goes on. World Class has declared itself as the WCWA and its 'world' champ is Rick Rude.

Dusty Rhodes currently is part of two regular tag teams. One, Risky Business Boys- Dusty and Ronnie Garvin is aiming to destroy Ric Flair. The other, Magnum T.A. & Dusty, America's Team, is designed to serve the USA against foreigners.

Dino Bravo's real name is Adolfo Brescino! He was recently charged for common assult in Montreal over a $1 bus fare dispute with a bus driver.

King Kong Bundy earned his nickname a bouncer in Atlantic City!

## Did you know that...

The WWF Intercontinental championship used to be called the North American championship!

Uncle Elmer is not Hillbilly Jim's uncle, but a ten-year wrestling veteran. He has wrestled under the names: Plowboy Frazier, Kamala II (with war paint), the Lone Ranger (in a mask), Playboy Frazier and of course, Uncle Elmer!

## Gambling & Wrestling

Does it exist?

Evidence is scarce but my belief is that there must be people that gamble on wrestling. People bet on coin tosses- so why not wrestling? It might be hard to imagine someone betting one hundred dollars on a Hulk Hogan match- the odds would be about 90-1 for the Hulkster. Think of the payoff if Hogan lost- $9,000! How could Las Vegas not have wrestling on their betting line with odds in their favour like that! Bets would also be laid down on things like whether or not Jake Roberts will DDT the JYD. If wrestling is to rival baseball or hockey, it has to have betting.

## Rick 'the Dragon' Steamboat

238 lbs. Honolulu,HA

What can you say about a man who has feuded with Roddy Piper, Jimmy Snuka, Greg Valentine, Ric Flair, Don Muraco, Mr. Fuji and Baron Von Raschke all at one point in his career, has five NWA tag team titles to his credit and is the possessor of the best flying bodypress in wrestling? This 238 pound Happy Hawaiin is one of the greats of today. He is a 10 year pro and even retired for a brief period in 1983. Since he came to the WWF in the summer of 1985, he has been on fire!

## BRUISER BRODY

A 320 pound, 6 foot 8 man born in Albuquerque, New Mexico with slightly schizophrenic tendancies is currently terrorizing the AWA. It is, of course, the one and only Bruiser Brody. Shiek Adnad Al-Kassie has led Brody back to the AWA after a tough suspension back in 1985. This monolith of a man has wrestled throughout the world, including Japan. Brody is very, very unpredictable. His vast scientific knowledge is seldom used as he loves to utilise his natural power to win. Chairs, tables, chains, and the like all become dangerous weapons in Brody's hands. A big surprise usually awaits his opponents- Brody is the only wrestler to have liscensed paramedics for his opponents!

## WF Notes...

New WWF Tag Team Champions- the British Bulldogs- Davey Boy Smith & Dynamite Kid! At a spectacular match at WrestleMania 2, the Bulldogs beat the team of Brutus Beefcake & Greg Valentine to take the belts.

In general, WrestleMania 2 did not attract the attention of the original. It was nothing really new, we had seen it all before via Saturday Night's Main Event. The celebrities didn't belong...Joan Rivers didn't get half the applause Billy Martin did as ring announcer last year. Wrestle Mania 2 was fun, entertaining and a good way to spend a Monday night.

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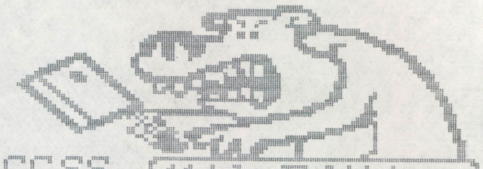

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## Wrestling Quotes

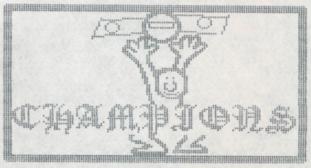
Adorable Adrian Adonis- 'Remember me, vicious as a veg-a-matic.'

Bobby Heenan- 'Haiti Kid set a record. He's the only man who can do 250 sit-ups underneath a Chevy.'

Cowboy Bullwhip Johnson- 'We're gonna kick butt! We're goin' be busier than a one-legged man in a butt kicking contest!'

Bruiser Brody- 'If you kick some butt, sooner or later you get your butt kicked back.'

Austin Idol- 'In the sea of professional wrestling, the big fish eat the little fish and they call me JAWS!'




## Lex Lugar

280 lbs. Chicago, IL Southern champion, Lex Lugar is truly a spectacle. At 6 foot 5, boasting 30-inch thighs and 20-inch biceps, he is a star of the future. With manager Hiro Matsuda, Lugar is the most knowledgable 2-year pro around. In November 1985 he beat Wahoo McDaniel for the Southern belt. Lugar lost the belt to Jesse Barr in January and won it back a month later. Can this man be stopped?

## FOREIGN REPORT

Clawmaster Baron Von Raschke, has joined the Koloffs in their war against the Road Warriors. This four-time AWA tag team champion, is now back on the most hated list. Just a few years ago, Raschke had turned good, teamed up with Crusher, and had won the AWA tag team belts. His picture appeared on AWA shirts, mugs and posters, he was one of Ricky Martel's best friends. Now what has happened to him? The Koloffs! He seems to have reverted back to his rule-breaking days when he was managed by Bobby Heenan and proclaimed Nazi supremecy. A bad move.

## Jacques et Raymond Rougeau: Future WWF Tag Team Champs.

A bold prediction: the Rougeaus, World Wrestling Federation Champions. These former Canadian International tag team champions are now the most promising team in the WWF. They have beaten former champs, the Moondogs, they're beaten contenders the Hart Foundation and they've beaten the combination of Bob Orton & Hercules Hernandez. Can anyone stop these youngsters? Their father, Jacques Sr and uncle, Johnny carried the Rougeau name before them and now it is up to Jacques Jr and Raymond to etch the name in gold.

## WRESTLING VIDEOS

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Wrestle Mania 2
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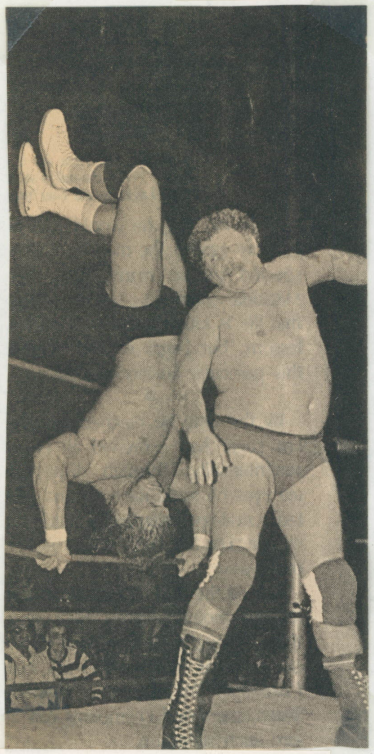
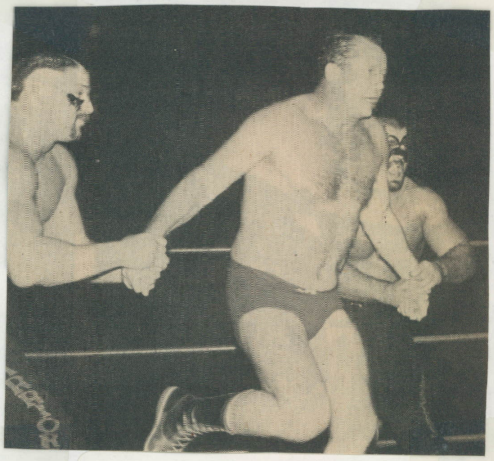
Handsome Harley Race posing with one of his seven NWA world championships.



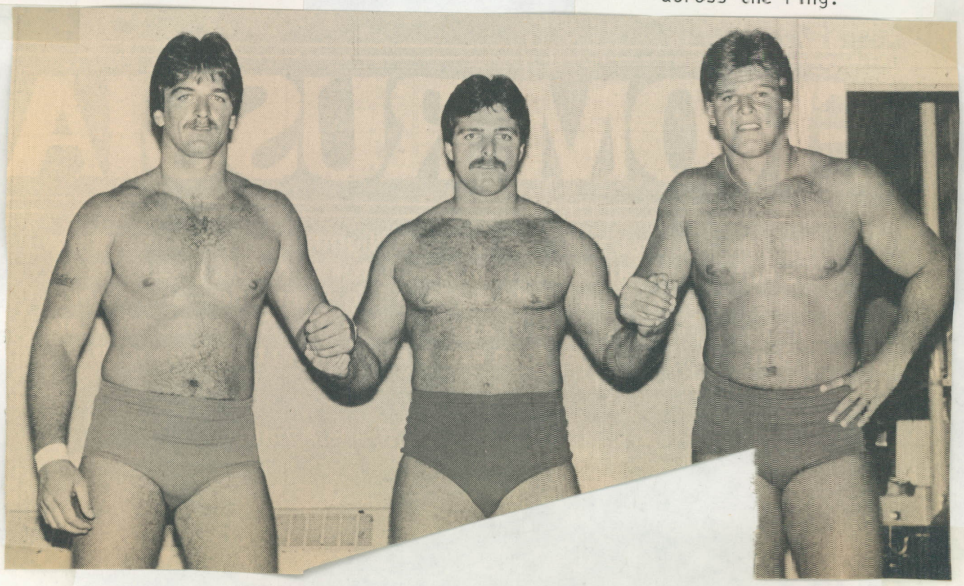
Harley Race backflips Lex Lugar over the top ropes.

Birthdays in July:
July 4: Barry Windham
July 10: Billy Jack Haynes
July 15: Jesse Ventura
July 22: Bob Roop
July 23: Tommy Rich
July 29: Capt. Lou Albano



The Road Warriors throw Dory Funk Jr. (Hoss) across the ring.

The Rougeau brothers, left to right, Armand, Raymond, Jacques. Jacques & Raymond are competing in the WWF.



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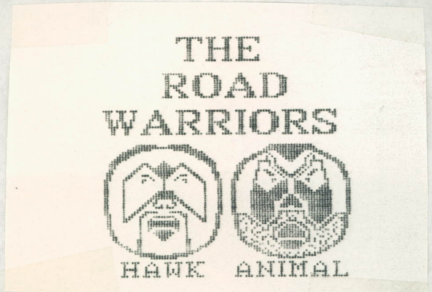
For the month of June 1986.

Wrestling migration is not new, wrestlers moving from one area to another for 'stiffer' competition. Recently, some moves have been well praised by the world. Such as Jimmy Snuka entering the AWA or Jake Roberts entering the WWF. Other moves such as Wendi Richter moving to Puerto Rico have left women's wrestling in a state of limbo. But other moves seem to go against the wrestler's style. Examples are Harley Race and Dory Funk Jr entering the WWF. For Harley & Dory, both past their primes, it seems a stupid move to enter the WWF spotlight while they are on their decline. Time will tell if these moves will be justified.




THE ROAD WARRIORS
Hawk & Animal 567 lbs.
Manager: Precious Paul Ellering
Chicago, Illinois

Think big, bad and angry. If the words 'Road Warriors' don't come to mind, you had better read this article! These two former Chicago bikers made their wrestling debut in 1982. Since then, Hawk and Animal have led a path a destruction. Early in their careers, the Warriors wore just leather and chains. Then came the war paint, turning the Warriors into monsters out of the Mad Max movies.

The Warriors rely on three things when they wrestle, power, skill and Paul Ellering. It was Ellering that brought the Legion of Doom from a tag team to THE tag team, and they only had to win two tag team titles: the National, and the world AWA belts. A few months ago, the Warriors lost their AWA belts to Steve Regal & Jim Garvin (with a little help from the Fabulous Freebirds), and since, they have been wandering without purpose. They feuded with then NWA tag team champs- the Koloffs and former National tag team champs, the Andersons, they attempted to get AWA title shots, and wres-tled in the World Class area. The future of the Road Warriors now seems clouded. What area will they settle in: The WWF? Which belts will they win? Will they stay together or go for singles titles? One thing to be certain of though, when the dust does clear, the Road Warriors will be on top.

## International Wrestling

International Wrestling, an AWA affiliate out of Montreal, has been making some major news.

The Long Riders- Wild Bill Irwin & Scott Hog Irwin, have brought in a friend to held them defend their International tag team belts. His name is Bullwhip.

Also in a current match, Abdullah the Butcher & Kamala vs. Rick Martel & Austin Idol, Abdullah went wild and hit their manager Eddie Creachman. Kamala then started fighting his partner Abdullah to protect his manager. Hence, Abdullah finds a new manager and he and Kamala are now headed to a dramatic confrontation- 560 pounds versus 420 pounds!

Big John Studd was a competitor in this years Goofy Games at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida!

The Iron Shiek once wrestled under the name of Kosrow Vaziri!

Greg Valentine once wrestled under the name John Fargo!

## Did you know that...

Rowdy Roddy Piper grew up in Australia and went to school in Winnipeg, Manitoba!

George 'the Animal' Steele once chipped a tooth biting the muscular arm of Earl 'Mr. Universe' Maynard!

The Irwin Brothers ( Long Riders ) used to wrestle under masks as a team called the Super Destroyers.

## Harley Race

268 lbs.
Kansas City, KS

Seven-time National Wrestling Alliance World Champion. Only one man can claim this- Handsome Harley Race.

Currently in the WWF, under the management of Bobby Heenan, Race will soon be gunning for Hulk Hogan's WWF belt. A courageous, 26-year ring veteran, Race has toured his old-school, roughouse style of wrestling around the world. With his belly called 'Joe', Race has beaten everyone- Ric Flair, Hulk Hogan, Dusty Rhodes, Stan Hansen, Terry Funk, Jerry Blackwell, Dory Funk... this list never stops...

## WF Notes...

Look for Randy Savage's I-C belt to be hotly contested by Paul Orndorff. Orndorff already holds a non-title victory over Savage.

New arrival Harley Race will be looking for a WWF title shot, he defeated challenger Hogan on many occasions when Race was NWA champ.

Wendi Richter is wrestling again. Currently, she is in Puerto Rico.

What's the low-down on the Funks? Supposedly, Terry has a knee injury so they brought in Jimmy Jack. We've never heard of another Funk brother... If he really is a Funk, why does he wear a mask!?

## AWA NEWS

Ricky Martel is once again gunning for the AWA title. He recently defeated Stan Hansen in a non-title match held in Montreal.

Larry Zbysko has introduced his friend and mentor to the AWA rings. His name is Go, he speaks no english and he claims to be a Ninja assassin.

Scott Hall and Col.Debeairs seem to be headed for a feud. After one of the Colonel's matches, Hall ran in to save Debeairs opponent, and was face-first pile-drived by the 'good' colonel.

## NWA Happenings...

Will Ric Flair be the next world champ to go down? He has lost non-title steel cage matches against Wahoo McDaniel, Harley Race, Ronnie Garvin & Dusty Rhodes.

Two MAJOR tag team feuds are happenings all around the NWA. The Rock 'n' Roll Express are at war with the NWA tag team champions, the Midnight Express. The other war, Road Warriors-Koloffs, has had viciously brutal double-chain matches, frightening lights-out steel cage matches, and very few matches where blood doesn't flow.

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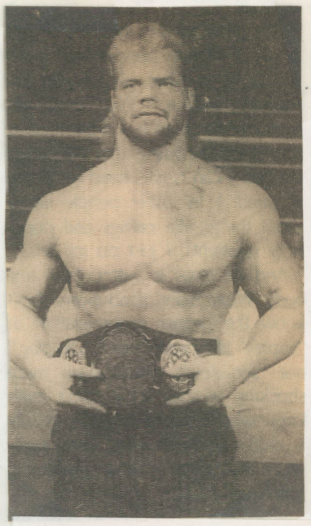
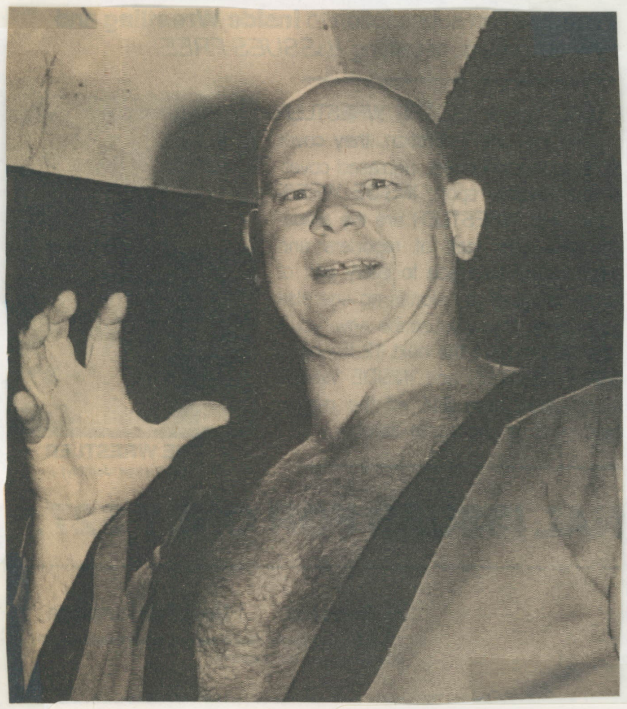


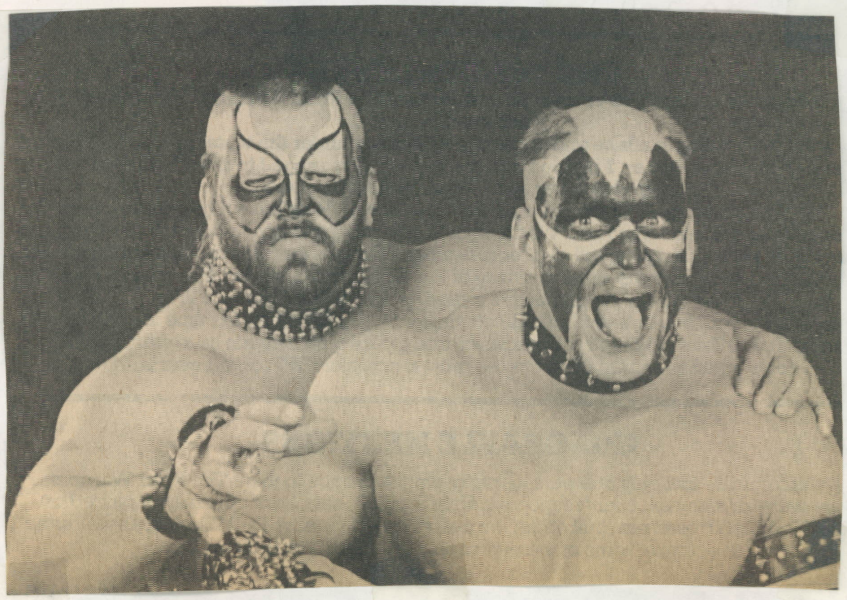
The sensational Southern heavyweight champion, Lex Lugar.



Clawmaster, Baron Von Raschke

The Road Warriors manager, Precious Paul Ellering dares anyone to beat his team.

The Road Warriors Animal & Hawk



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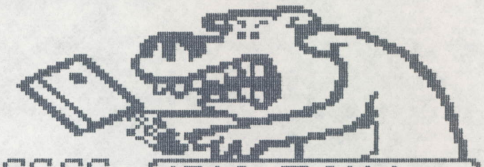

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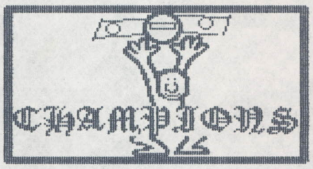


## Carlos Colon

230 lbs
Puerto Rico
World Wrestling Council Universal champ, Carlos Colon has been wrestling as a pro since 1964 and is still going strong. He is the current master of all high flying maneuvers. He does drop kicks, leaps, flips, just about everything in the air. Colon is fun and exciting to watch. His biggest rivalries have come from Ric Flair, Abdullah the Butcher, Dory Funk Jr & Roddy Piper.

## FOREIGN REPORT

The good Colonel DeBeers was instrumental in aiding Buddy Rose and Doug Somers to the AWA tag team championship. Just his presence shook Scott Hall's concentration enough for he & Curt Hennig to lose. Colonel DeBeers is 6'1", weighs 248 lbs, and is from Cape Town, South Africa. He is a strong believer in apartheid. He is an eight year professional. After DeBeer's feud with Scott Hall cools down, look for him to challenge Sgt. Slaughter for the America's title. With the important position of America's champ, he could tell the world of his apartheid philosophies.

Stan Lane and Steve Keirn are one of the more popular and the more debonaire tag-teams ever. They're wrestling's answer to Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire. These two started out as bitter enemies until they both realized that they would make a devastating duo. They have had vicious battles with The Fantastic Ones and the Road Warriors. Since these two superb individuals joined forces, the tag-team scene hasn't been the same. The fans (mainly female) still freak-out when they walk down the aisles donning their bow ties and top hats. That's class!

WWF Intercontinental Champions

Randy 'Macho Man' Savage
February 8, 1986 -
Tito Santana
July 6, 1985 - February 8, 1986
Greg 'the Hammer' Valentine
September 24, 1984 - July 6, 1985
Tito Santana
February 11, 1984 - September 24, 1984
Magnificent Don Muraco
January 22, 1983 - February 11, 1984
Pedro Morales
November 23, 1981 - January 22, 1983
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June 20, 1981 - November 23, 1981
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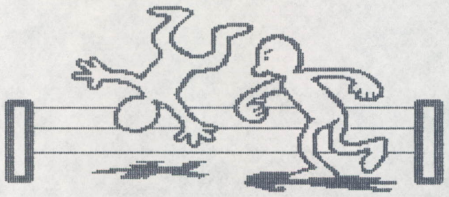

Hulk Hogan regarding former 2-time WWF World champ Bruno Sammartino- 'I'm much stronger and much more talented than that delapidated, washed up former champion.'
Jake Roberts- 'No one has ever, and no one will ever, survive the DDT.'
Greg Valentine- 'Nothing like gouging a big chunk of flesh out of someone's hide. All I live for is swimming around in some goon's blood, playing with a piece of his body. Damn, that's fun, know what I mean?'
Roddy Piper- 'Ric Flair's the only guy I know who needs a map to get out of a phone booth!'

WWF Kitchener
Wednesday, July 30
Memorial Auditorium

WWF Toronto
Sunday, July 27
Maple Leaf Gardens

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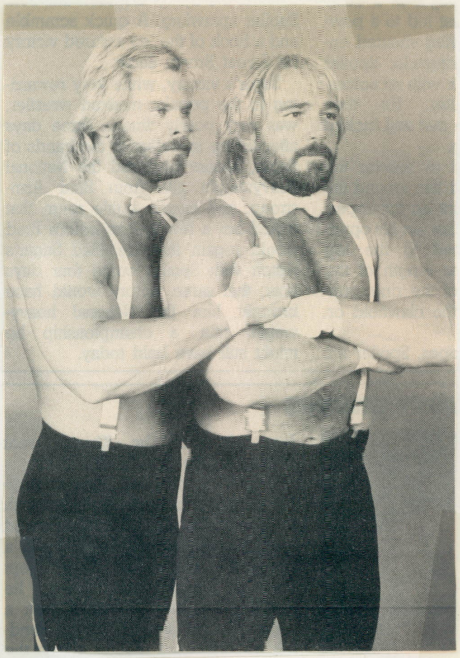
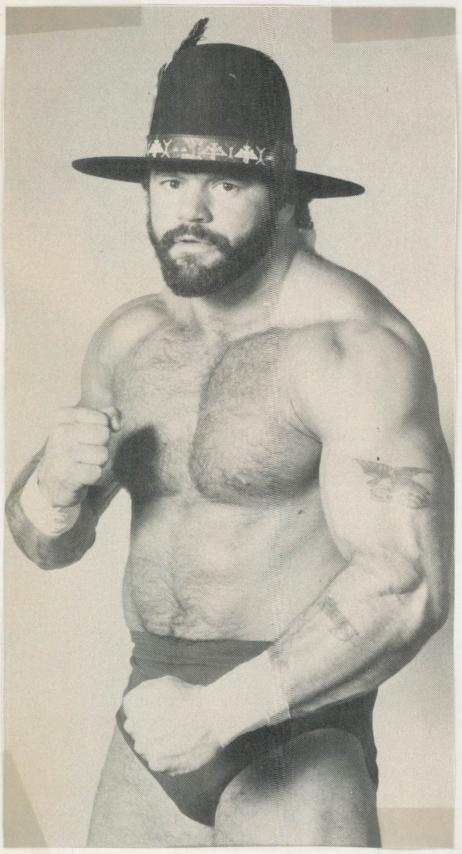
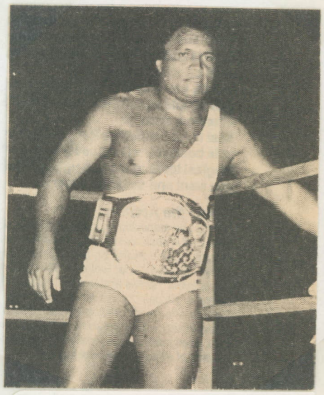


The Fabulous Ones, Steve Keirn & Stan Lane

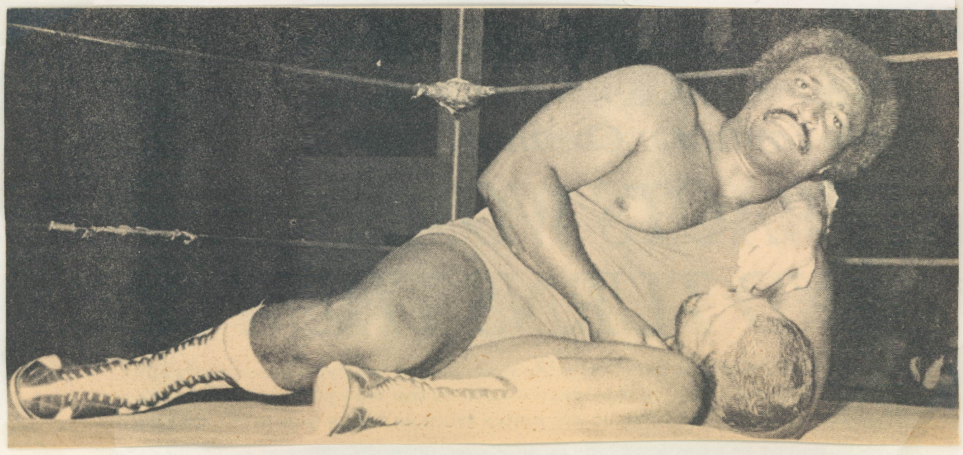


Billy Jack Haynes, Portland's favorite son.



WWC Universal champion, Carlos Colon.

Colon in the older days...



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For the month of July 1986.

I remember... Barry Windham & Mike Rotundo, WWF tag team champions, their feud with Shiek & Volkoff, their manager Lou Albano, the cigar in the eye, departure from the WWF, reunion in Florida, their unbeaten world tour and finally their victory over the Fabulous Ones at Wrestle Rock '86... I wake from my daydream, who is that back in the WWF?! Mike Rotundo... and ... who's his partner, Windham? ... no, its... Dan Spivey!? Who is this Hogan/ Windham look-a-like? 'The Golden Boy!' How can he try to replace Windham? It's not his fault, it's the stupid, unthinking, WWF promoters. Rotundo should go back to Windham, friends belong together.

BEACH BUM

## Magnificent Don Muraco

274 lbs
Sunset Beach, HA

Two-time Intercontinental champ, Prince of Darkness Don Muraco, has been a WWF main-eventer for years. He has feuded with Pedro Morales, Jimmy Snuka, Bob Backlund, Rocky Johnson, Ricky Steamboat, Hulk Hogan, and now, Paul Orndorff. Along with his diabolical manager Mr.Fuji, the master of the Asian spike will attempt to destroy fan-favorite Orndorff in a battle of the deadly piledrivers. Currently ranked number eight in our ratings, it seems he is always around reaking havoc.

## Paul MR WONDERFUL Orndorff

by: Greg Oliver

Who remembers Paul Orndorff's days as a bad guy? He was a sadistic wrestler, and he was managed by Bobby Heenan. But now Orndorff's a good guy... or is he? His tactics are the same, he still has his temper but he wrestles his former friends. Currently, he is embroiled in a battle of the piledrivers with Magnificent Muraco. But this feud won't last. I can't see Orndorff being a goody-goody for the rest of his life, he will turn bad again. Recently, Hulk Hogan stated that Orndorff was his friend, but when Orndorff wanted to team with Hogan against Bundy & Studd, Hogan didn't answer. As of printing, we don't know what he will do.

## NWA Happenings...

The Great American Bash is upon us again. This year's version is heralded as the greatest wrestling show ever. It may be. It takes place during the entire month of July 1986 around the United States. It involves 14 title defenses by NWA champion Ric Flair, a best-of-seven tournament between Nikita Koloff & Magnum TA to determine the US champion, NWA tag team champs, the Midnight Express against the Rock 'n' Roll Express, National champion Tully Blanchard vs Ronnie Garvin, manager Jim Cornette vs valet Baby Doll, and much more!

## International Wrestling

The BIG news of the month is International Wrestling colaborating with the NWA on a new wrestling show called ProWrestling Canada. This show is the creation of Angelo Mosca, a former wrestler. The show highlights both leagues and plans to have matches across Canada.

The Long Riders had their titles taken away for failure to defend for one month. A match for the belts was then scheduled between Bill Irwin & Bull Johnson against Tom Zenk & Dan Kroffat. The match ended in controversy as Hog Irwin, wearing a mask, entered the ring. The melee that proceeded climaxed with Rick Martel being hung with a belt by Steve Strong. Now how did they get there?

Andre the Giant owns a restaurant in Montreal called 'Le Pichet.'

The Iron Shiek's full, current name is Hussein 'Iron Shiek' Arab!

The combined weight in Wrestle Mania 2's battle royale was 5612 lbs, an average weight at 280.6 lbs!!

## Did you know that...

King Kong Bundy & Big John Studd are not the biggest tag team in history at 810 pounds. Jerry Blackwell & Bundy once formed a team that weighed 920 pounds!

George Wells played for the Toronto Argonauts, the Hamilton Ti-cats and the Saskatchawan Roughriders. During his career, he won three Grey Cups!

## Billy Jack Haynes

245 lbs
Portland, OR

Billy Jack has returned to the WWF (he was around two years ago for one match) and is looking awesome. Billy Jack is a former soldier-gone-AWOL, state prisoner, body builder, amateur boxer, champion raquetball player and now- wrestler. He beat Kendo Nagasaki for the Florida title, Dynamite Kid for the Pacific Northwest singles title, and along with former WWF champ Stan Stasiak, he won the Pacific Northwest tag team title. Nicknamed 'The People's Choice', Billy Jack has often been criticized for not staying in one area long enough to accomplish all that he could. Haynes has wrestled in Florida, Texas, the Mid-Atlantic, the WWF, and his home-area, the Pacific Northwest. Only a pro since August 1982, Billy Jack can only get better. He has already wrestled beside the best, Kerry Von Erich, Dusty Rhodes, Stan Stasiak, and against the meanest, Ric Flair, Superstar Graham, Ron Bass, Rip Oliver, Buzz Sawyer... Wrestling as a good guy, Billy Jack will never get to wrestle Hulk Hogan. His best bet would be to get mean (which he'll never do) or to gun for Randy Savage's Intercontinental champion-ship. Time will tell, if he stays around in the WWF!

## AWA NEWS

We have new AWA tag team champs: Playboy Buddy Rose & Pretty Boy Doug Somers! These two blonds defeated Scott Hall & Curt Hennig on a televised match with a little help from Colonel DeBeers. The good colonel distracted Scott Hall enough for Rose to hit Hall's head against the ring post and claim the win. We don't expect these guys to hold the titles too long.

Jimmy 'Superfly' Snuka has signed with the AWA. His first appearance was in a tag team match with Greg Gagne at Wrestle Rock '86 against Bruiser Brody & the Barbarian. Look for him to rekindle the AWA flame.

## WF Notes...

WWF officials have banned Andre the Giant. Everyone has been wondering where Andre is, well, he's in Japan. In Japan, Andre is hated. He recently pinned Japan's hero, Antonio Inoki- Inoki's first loss by pinfall in 12 years! Andre's manager is the evil Ichimasa Wakamatsu, who carries around a mega-phone just like Jimmy Hart!

Billy Jack Haynes has arrived in the WWF and is facing top competion.

David Sammartino has returned to the WWF after a very successful stint in the AWA. He seems to be in better shape than he was before.

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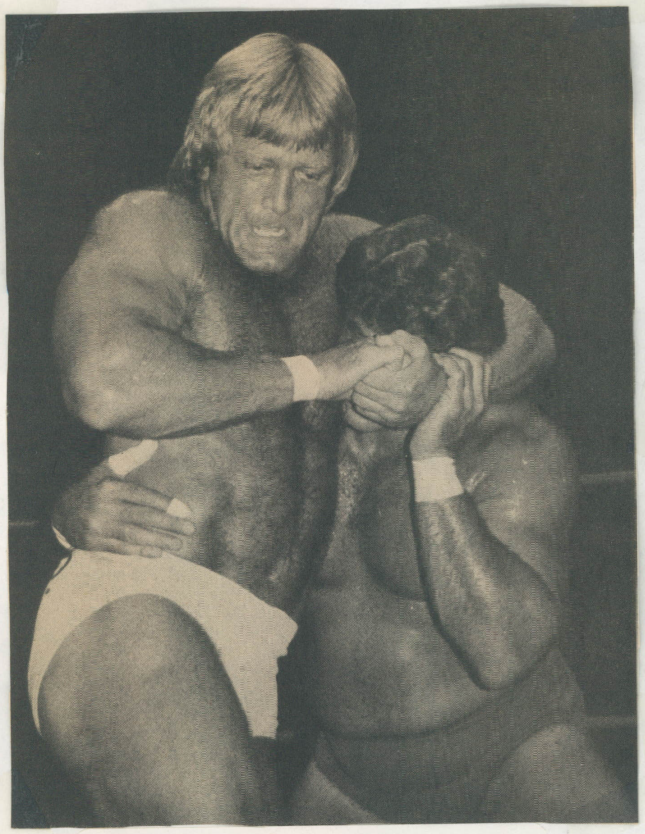
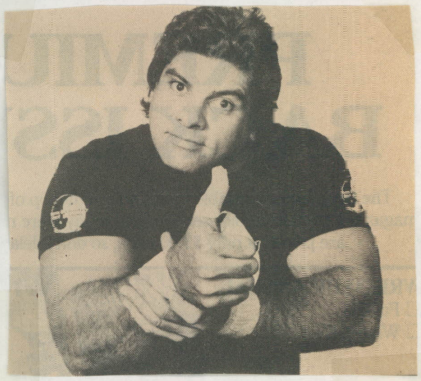
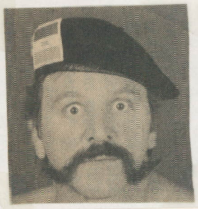


Paul Orndorff with a head-lock on Don Muraco. They are currently involved in a piledriver feud.



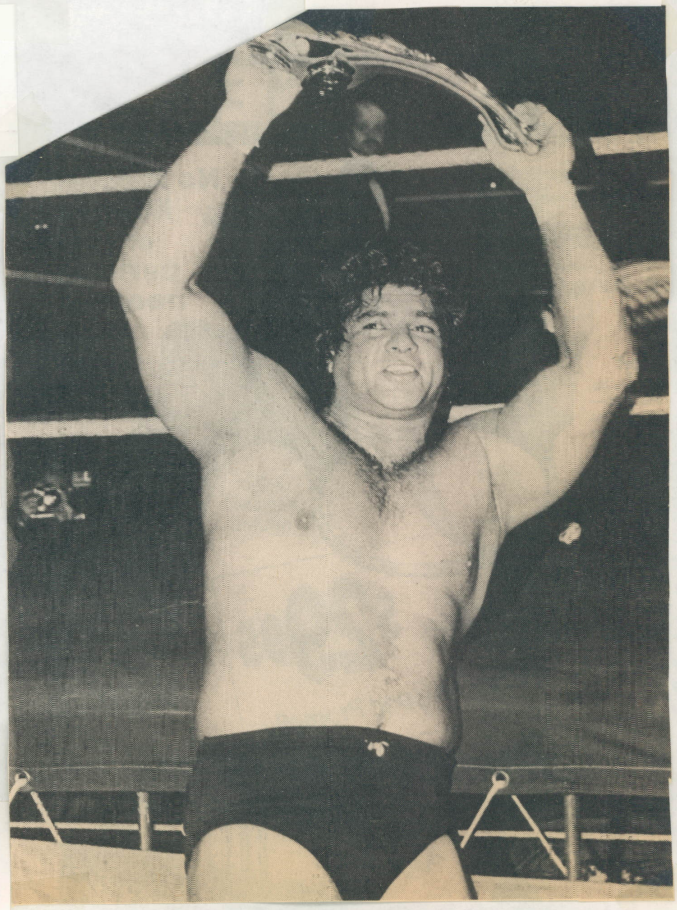
The Magnificent One, with his WWF Intercontinental belt a few years back.

Birthdays in August:
August 5: Stan Lane
August 11: Hulk Hogan
August 12: Terry Taylor
August 14: Bob Backlund
August 14: Buddy Landel
August 24: Vince McMahon Jr.
August 25: Ivan Koloff
August 27: Sgt. Slaughter



Colonel DeBeers is currently raising hell in the AWA. He would probally meet his match against anti-apartheid leader Bishop Desmond Tutu.

Take a close look at Jesse Barr. Add a domino mask and a hangman's noose and...presto-chango...you have Jimmy Jack Funk. (in our opinion)



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Canadian- The Great Samu
Intercontinental- Randy Savage

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Jim Neidhart & Brett Hart
Jacques & Raymond Rougeau
Greg Valentine & Brutus Beefcake
Jim Brunzell & B. Brian Blair

AWA- Tag Teams
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Shawn Michaels & Marty Jannetty
Greg Gagne & Superfly Snuka
Scott Hall & Curt Hennig
The Barbarian & Bruiser Brody

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|---|---|
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| Magnum T.A. | Sgt. Slaughter |
| Tully Blanchard | Stan Hansen |
| Nikita Koloff | Col. DeBeers |
| Ronnie Garvin | Rick Martel |
| Lex Lugar | Bruiser Brody |
| Dusty Rhodes | Larry Zbyszko |
| Rick Morton | Scott Hall |
| Terry Gordy | Superfly Snuka |
| Barry Windham | Nord the Barbarian |

NWA Tag Teams-
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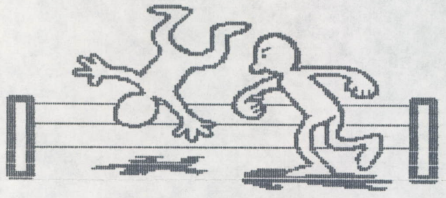
Dusty Rhodes & Magnum T.A.
Road Warriors
Rick Morton & Robert Gibson
Ivan & Nikita Koloff

WWF- Top Ten
1. Hulk Hogan
2. R. Savage
3. Junkyard Dog
4. R. Steamboat
5. Jake Roberts
6. P. Orndorff
7. K.K.Bundy
8. Don Muraco
9. John Studd
10. King Tonga



## Wrestling Quotes

Jim Garvin- 'Greatness? It drips off me like dandruff off the front row fans.'

Roddy Piper- 'I've never claimed to be perfect. I know it's hard for people to realize a genius isn't perfect, but it's true.'

Lou Albano to Adrian Adonis- 'You look like a wild boar in heat you big, fat pepper belly!'

Hulk Hogan- 'Whatever I've accomplished, I owe to my friend, my adviser, the great Fred Blassie. Most people I meet are snivelling little worms who tremble in my presence. Not Fred. He is my mental equal and, most important, he has courage.'

## Nick Bockwinkel

245 lbs.
Beverly Hills, CA

Nick Bockwinkel has won the AWA title for the fourth time amid controversy!

Showdown- Denver, Colorado
Bockwinkel vs AWA champ Stan Hansen. The Lariat is seen at arena and then disappears...and Bockwinkel is crowned new AWA champion!

This is the second time Bockwinkel has been awarded the AWA title. The previous time was when Verne Gagne retired as champion in 1980.

Bockwinkel has been wrestling as a pro for 32 years now, and has been AWA champion for almost nine of those years. In 1973, along with Ray Stevens, Bockwinkel captured the AWA tag team title. Soft-spoken outside the ring, Bockwinkel lets his skills speak for themselves.

This is the first time that Bockwinkel has captured the AWA crown without the aid of his former manager Bobby Heenan. It looks like his main challenges will be coming from his former tag team partner Larry Zbyszko, Scott Hall, Colonel DeBeers, and Sgt. Slaughter.

As of late, Bockwinkel has been involved as a color-commentator on AWA broadcasts. This will most likely keep him in wrestling for another 32 years...

## FOREIGN REPORT

Hamilton's King of the Ring is none other than King Tonga. Tonga was left alone in the 20-man battle royale after singlehandedly ejecting Harley Race and Don Muraco. King Tonga weighs 273 pounds and is from the Isle of Tonga. King Tonga is a former Canadian champ, a former Canadian tag team champ with Dick Charland, a former WWC Puerto Rican champ, and a former WWC tag team champ with El Gran Apollo. Tonga is currently looking to collect the $15,000 for slamming Big John Studd. King Tonga has also been teaming with Rick 'the Dragon' Steamboat and Sivi Afi.

Marty Jannetty and Sean Michaels at a combined weight of 461 lbs. together form the surprising, acrobatic team misnamed the Midnight Rockers. Misnamed because they chose a name that doesn't stand out as we already have the Rock 'n' Roll Express and the Midnight Express. But can these guys ever wrestle! Much like the two Expresses, they are experts on creating new and exciting maneuvers. And much like the R'n'R Express, they drive the fans wild. Now that Doug Somers & Buddy Rose have the AWA tag team belts, look for the Midnight Rockers to give them a tough time.

WWF Toronto
CNE Stadium
Thursday, August 28, 1986
Hogan vs Orndorff

WWF Montreal
Monday, August 18, 1986
with Hulk Hogan

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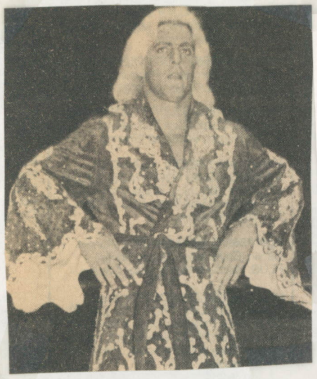
## Delicate Subject Award

Canidates:
Adrian Adonis- admitting he is gay
Kevin Sullivan- his satanic beliefs
Col. DeBeers- apartheid
Hulk Hogan- wiping boots with Russian flag
Randy Savage- male chauvanism
Vince McMahon Jr.- the WWF circus

Winner:
Adorable Adrian Adonis
-The 'man' who went from leather to lace clearly won this award. It was all the wrestling world needed, a admitted gay leaping around with odd coloured leg warmers.



## Best Wrestler Award

Canidates:
Ric Flair
Stan Hansen
Hulk Hogan
Randy Savage
Dusty Rhodes
Magnum TA

Winner:
Ric Flair
-It was close, but Flair pulled through over 'Macho Man' Randy Savage. Ric Flair is the wrestler of the 1980's.

We at the Wrestling Report would like to know what you think of our awards. Send all comments to:
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## Best Manager Award

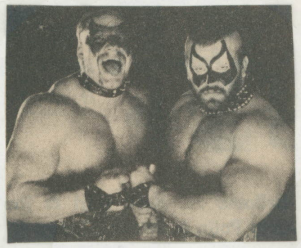
Canidates:
Bobby 'the Brain' Heenan
Jim Cornette
Sheik Adnad Al-Kaissie
'Pretty Boy' Floyd Creechman
Sunshine
Luscious Johnny Valiant

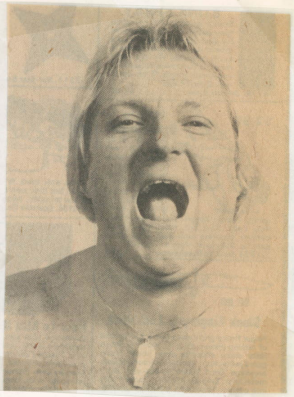
Winner:
Bobby 'the Brain' Heenan
-The man who got Andre banned, turned Paul Orndorff bad again, and has his man Bundy in the main event of WrestleMania 2 clearly deserves this award. Votes were also cast for Jim Cornette and Shiek Adnad Al-Kaissie.

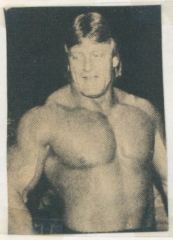
## Best Tag Team Award

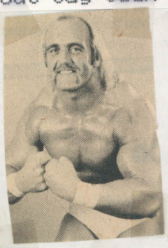
Canidates:
Road Warriors
British Bulldogs
Greg Valentine & Brutus Beefcake
Rock 'n' Roll Express
Midnight Express
Scott Hall & Curt Hennig

Winner:
Road Warriors
-Throughout the year, the Road Warriors remained the dominant force in tag team wrestling, eventhough for most of the year they were without tag team belts.









## Best Commentator Award

Canidates:
Jesse 'the Body' Ventura
Bobby 'the Brain' Heenan
Lord James Blears
Angelo Mosca
Nick Bockwinkel

Winner:
Jesse 'the Body' Ventura
-Jesse wins for his wry humour and great insults. We must all commend the remainder of the canidates for their excellence in a place where few excell.

## Best/Worst Dressed Award

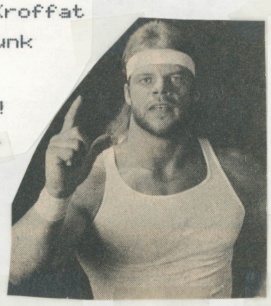
Canidates:
Adorable Adrian Adonis
Greg 'the Hammer' Valentine
Ric Flair
SD Jones
Jesse 'the Boby' Ventura
Brutus Beefcake
Kamala

Winner:
Special Delivery Jones
-SD won for his pjamas while Ventura, Adonis and Beefcake all get an honorable mention.

## Worst Tag Team Award

Canidates:
Paul Orndorff & Hulk Hogan
Jim Garvin & Steve Regal
Alofa the Polynesian Prince & Dan Kroffat
Mike Rotundo & Dan Spivey
Dory 'Hoss' Funk Jr. & Jimmy Jack Funk
Abdullah the Butcher & Kamala

Winner:
Paul Orndorff & Hulk Hogan
-It was unanimous! And it was great! The piledriver on Hogan brought smiles to the faces of thousands... What a great tag team!!!



## Best Pet Award

Canidates:
Randy Savage- Elizabeth
Rick Steamboat- his dragon
Jake Roberts- Damien
Adrian Street- Miss Linda
Junkyard Dog- Haiti Kid
Kevin Sullivan- Fallen Angel, Luna

Winner:
Randy Savage and Elizabeth
-You tend to wonder why Liz stays around the Macho Man. He gives her nothing, unlike second place Jake Roberts who always provides his buddy Damien with new victims.

## Hulk Hogan Look-a-like Award

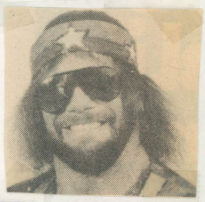
Canidates:
Kevin 'the Magnificent' Kelly
Lex Lugar
Big Scott Hall
'Golden Boy' Danny Spivey

Winner:
Lex Lugar
-This monster from Chicago won the closest race in which votes went to three different canidates. Scott Hall should be proud he didn't get any votes.

## Worst Commentator Award

Canidates:
Vince McMahon
Gorilla Monsoon
Larry Nelson
Milt Avruskin
Mean Gene Okerlund

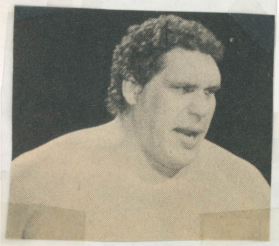
Winner:
Gorilla Monsoon
-Congrats to Gorilla who pulled off a stunning victory over the WWF circus chief Vince McMahon.



## Worst Wrestler Award

Canidates:
Hulk Hogan
Jesse Barr
Kendall Windham
Tito Santana
Andre the Giant
Cpl. Kirchner

Winner:
Andre the Giant
-Another close one, but Andre pulled out over Corporal Kirchner. It is sad to see the demise of one of the sport's legends.



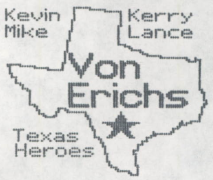
The Gumpy Looking Mug Awards are presented to the best and worst of the wrestling world. We congratulate the winners.

## LARRY ZBYSZKO

This is a story of a man who betrayed the man that raised him, trained him and protected him. The man is the self-proclaimed 'New Living Legend', and the man he betrayed was Bruno Sammartino. Zbyszko, once a respected scientific wrestler, was a WWF tag team champ with Tony Garea, but then, cockily, he challenged his mentor Sammartino to a match. It ended with Bruno being clobbered by a chair. This lead to the famous steel cage battle at Shea Stadium which Sammartino won. Zbyszko then dropped out of sight for a while.

He re-appeared in the AWA and feuded with Bruno Sammartino Jr. (David). When this feud calmed down, Larry went to Georgia where he offered Killer Brooks $25,000 to beat Paul Orndorff for the Georgia National title and give the belt to him. Brooks did as asked, and Larry was the new champion. The belt was taken away after a month, but Zbyszko won the tournament.

After a year on tour, Zbyszko moved back to the AWA. He managed to capture the AWA's first America's title, losing it to Sgt. Slaughter. Zbyszko then turned on his tag team partner Nick Bockwinkel and referee Scott LeDoux and proceeded to feud with them. It now looks like he is starting a feud with Jimmy Snuka. The man just never stops!!!!




The Von Erichs are THE American Wrestling Family. They are the mainstays of World Class Wrestling and heroes of all of Texas. We now provide a look at each of the members of the famous family.

**Kerry** is the 'Modern Day Warrior'. He weighs 260 pounds and is an 8-year veteran. His years of conditioning paid off when on May 6, 1984 he beat Ric Flair for the NWA World title infront of 43,000 fans. He held the belt for only 18 days before losing to Flair. Possessing aerial, scientific and brawling skills, look for Kerry to win Rick Rude's WCWA title soon.

**Kevin** is the oldest of the Von Erich brothers. He weighs 239 pounds and has been wrestling for 8 years. He is a fearless, speedy aerial wrestler with awesome leg power. Kevin's most brutal matches have come during his feud with Chris Adams which lasted for 3 years.

**Mike** has only been wrestling as a pro for 3 years. Weighing in at 220 pounds, Mike is dedicated to bulking up and improving his physique. He suffered a toxic shock syndrome after a shoulder operation last year and just recently re-entered ring action. Mike career will continue to grow in the next few years until he reaches the calibre of Kerry and Kevin, his older brothers.

**Lance** is the cousin of Kevin, Kerry, Mike and Chris. He is the son of Waldo Von Erich, a former wrestler. For a few years Lance wrestled under the name of Ricky Vaughan in the Pacific Northwest area to begin his career out of the shadow of his famous cousins. Lance has been wrestling now for 2 years and weighs 260 pounds. Look for him to be a star in Future.

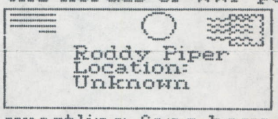
**Fritz** is the father and teacher of the Von Erichs. He is a former pro wrestler.

**Chris** is the youngest Von Erich. Look for him to enter the mat wars in a few years. He is now 16 years old.

The **Von Erichs** have also been a family full of tragedy. Jack died at the age of 5 and David died at the age of 22. But always, two things have kept them together- wrestling and love.

Birthdays in September:
Sept 10: Superstar Graham
Sept 10: Magnificent Muraco
Sept 15: Adrian Adonis
Sept 17: Jim Cornette
Sept 20: Greg Valentine
Sept 20: Tony Garea
Sept 21: Rick Morton
Sept 22: Ole Anderson
Sept 29: David Sammartino

Dirty Dick Slater has come to the WWF. With 16 years of experience under his belt, Dick Slater is now calling himself the Rebel. Dirty Dick Slater is a former North American, Florida, Southern, Mid-Atlantic, United States, Missouri, Georgia and Southwest champion. At 6 foot 1, weighing 235 pounds, Slater may be the kind of emotionally unstable guy that can shake up the WWF. Bob Orton is one of Slater's best friends. Jake Roberts and Greg Valentine are a few of his worst enemies. We wish Slater the best- but it is likely he will get stuck in the hordes of WWF politics.




## WHERE'S PIPER?

This is a question that many WWF wrestling fans have been asking themselves. Piper has not been around since his disqualification loss to Mr.T at WrestleMania2. His often funny Piper's Pit segments have been replaced by Adorable Adrian's Flower Shop. Could Piper be on tour in Australia or the Middle East? Will Piper resurface in yet another self-made WWF scandal? Did the WWF force him to leave just like Jimmy Snuka? Has Piper moved on, to Japan, the NWA, the WWC? Whatever the answer, we sure are missing his rowdy ways.

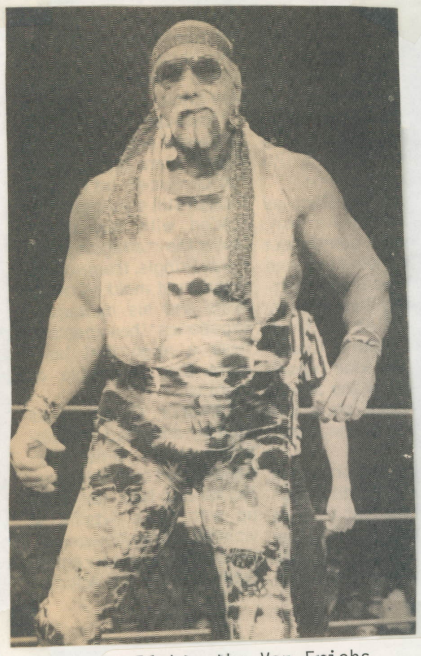
## SUPER STAR BILLY GRAHAM

The man who ended an era, the man who beat Bruno Sammartino for the WWF title. The Superstar with blond hair and massive muscles, held on to the belt for nine months, defending against all comers, including then NWA champ Harley Race in a title vs title matchup. He lost to Bob Backlund in February 1978. Graham then disappeared... some said he was dead... but then... three years later, the Superstar emerged, less muscular and with less hair but with a new knoweldge of the martial arts. He wanted revenge on Backlund. Unable to defeat Backlund, Graham moved to the AWA and then the NWA, with stops in the Carribean and Japan along the way. The best term to describe Superstar would be a 'popular rule-breaker.' Billy Graham has feuded with all the greats, good and bad. He is constantly changing his attitudes, but he is always successful and will always be remembered as the man who stopped the Living Legend.

World Wrestling Federation Champions

Buddy Rogers
- May 17, 1963
Bruno Sammartino
May 17, 1963 - January 18, 1971
seven years, seven months, one day
Ivan Koloff
January 18, 1971 - February 8, 1971
twenty one days
Pedro Morales
February 8, 1971 - December 1, 1973
two years, nine months, 23 days
Stan 'the Man' Stasiak
December 1, 1973 - December 10, 1973
nine days
Bruno Sammartino
December 10, 1973 - April 30, 1977
three years, four months, 20 days
Superstar Billy Graham
April 30, 1977 - February 20, 1978
nine months, twenty days
Bob Backlund
February 20, 1978 - December 26, 1983
five years, ten months, six days
Iron Shiek
December 26, 1983 - January 23, 1984
twenty eight days
Incredible Hulk Hogan
January 23, 1984 -

Superstar Billy Graham
Now (below) and in 1977
(right) with the late
Grand Wizard and his WWF
championship belt.



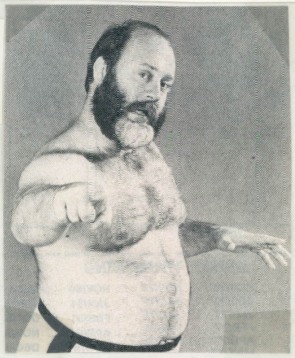
Right- the Vom Erichs
left to right- Mike, Lance
Steve Simpson, Kerry and Kevin.

## BUGSY McGRAW QUOTES

Bugsy McGraw may just be the stupidest man in pro wrestling...

'I watch football all season and every New Year's Day, I came up with a great idea. Why don't we paint yard lines in the ring? This way you always know how you're doin' in the match. Makes sense to me. Or does it?'

The Midnight
Rockers.
Marty Jannetty
and Sean Michaels.



'You know, I don't really like Randy Savage all that much. The other day I was watching wrestling on TV and I saw Savage beatin' the hell out of some poor kid. Finally Savage falls on top of him for the pin. I didn't want Savage to win, so you know what I did? I turned my TV set upside down. Savage never pinned him on my TV. He didn't win. That made me happy.'

'I was walking around in Greenboro the other day... or was it last year... and I saw this dog and his leash was tied to a parking meter, so I went over and put another nickel in the meter so he could stay there longer. The dog thanked me. He didn't have any change.'

## EDITORIAL

For the month of August 1986.

This is the story of a little paper that has grown, the story of the Wrestling Report. In the span of one year, I have seen our newletter grow from a nickel, one letter size page of unreliable information to a two or three legal size page newspaper that has been featured in various Southern Ontario newspapers and on the Toronto CBC Radio station. Not only the size of of paper has changed, but the quality. We can now proudly say the we are the leading pure wrestling newspaper in Southern Ontario with subscriptions going out from Kitchener to Toronto, to Windsor, to Southhampton. We are growing, and we like it!

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## WF Notes...

The Super and Giant Machines have arrived... big deal... it's just another way to promote Andre's feud with John Studd & King Kong Bundy.
As we predicted last issue, Paul Orndorff has returned to being a bad guy. He performed an excellent clothesline and piledriver on Hogan He has also rejoined Bobby Heenan...
Uncle Elmer has fled the WWF to the Mid-Southern region where he began his career.
New arrivals 'the Rebel' Dick Slater and Brickhouse Brown have a lot to prove before they can start talking about any title matches...

## NWA Happenings...

As the Great American Bash nears its end, it may be time to begin regarding Ric Flair as the greatest NWA champion ever. He has defeated the likes of Ivan & Nikita Koloff, Hawk & Animal- the Road Warriors, Ronnie Garvin, Dusty Rhodes, Wahoo McDaniel, and others. Flair's last match of the Bash, against Magnum TA, will be his toughest.
Other matches have included Dusty Rhodes, Magnum TA and Baby Doll against the Midnight Express & Jim Cornette in which Baby Doll belly-to-belly suplexed Jim Cornette.

## FATCORNER

**Jerry Blackwell**, at 474 pounds, is a man who defies describtion. You don't expect him to run around the ring, jump from the turnbuckles or throw a drop-kick- but he does! Crusher Blackwell is a former AWA tag team champion with Ken Patera and a former Missouri champion. Blackwell is currently a 'good-guy' and is feuding with Bruiser Brody and Shiek Adnad Al-Kaissie. When Blackwell was disliked, he was managed by Al-Kaissie and feuded with Greg Gagne, Dino Bravo, the Road Warriors, and the Fabulous Ones. Over the years, he has rotated between the AWA and the NWA. It is now uncertain whether Jerry will gun for Bockwinkel's title or leave the AWA.

The heaviest wrestler of all time was William J. 'Happy Humphrey' Cobb. He weighed 802 pounds!!
Antonio Inoki received 2 million dollars for the boxer/wrestler match against Muhammad Ali in Tokyo June 26, 1976. It ended in a draw.

## Did you know that...

A preliminary wrestler named Stanley Pinto once got himself entangled in the ropes and pinned his own shoulders to the mat for a three count!
In the early 70's, some wrestlers played a hockey game to benifit the Crippled Children's Campaign. Those wrestlers included Jos LeDuc, Dino Bravo and Andre the Giant!

## Rasslin' Results

Hamilton July 13
Reporter: Jeff Kneller
King Tonga wins 20-man 'King of the Ring' battle royale. Randy Savage beat King Tonga by countout. Rick Steamboat beat Adrian Adonis by DQ. Jim Neidhart drew with Mike Rotundo. Harley Race beat Tony Atlas. Tito Santana beat Brett Hart. Iron Shiek beat George Wells. Jacques & Raymond Rougeau beat John K-9 & Steve Lombardi.
Kitchener July 30
Reporter: Chris Wilson
Junkyard Dog beat Adrian Adonis by DQ. Tito Santana and Don Muraco were both counted out. Jacques & Raymond Rougeau beat Brett Hart & Jim Neidhart. Harley Race beat Johnny K-9. Brickhouse Brown beat Terry Gibbs. Cousin Luke beat Moondog Rex.

## AWA NEWS

Nick Bockwinkel is once again AWA heavyweight champion of the World! The belt was awarded to him in Denver, Colorado at a stop on the Wrestle Rock '86 tour when Stan Hansen failed to show for a scheduled title defense against Bockwinkel. AWA officials chose Bockwinkel for his number one ranking and status as former champ. The biggest surprise for Bockwinkel came after the announcement when he got a standing ovation from all in attendance! We send congratulations to the now-four-time champion.
Sherri Martel has regained the AWA Ladies title from Candi Devine.

## International Wrestling

The Great Samu is the new Candian International Wrestling champion after forcing Dino Bravo to submit. Throughout the match, Samu punched and head-butted Bravo's appendix area. On April 18, Bravo suffered appendicitis and had an operation to have the appendix removed. It was obvious during the match that Bravo was in great pain... Dino Bravo has been Canadian champion for four out of the last five years. Look for the Great Samu's challenges to come from Alofa the Polynesian Prince, Bravo, Rick Martel, and Tom Zenk.
The Canadian tag team title is still vacant as the Long Riders and Steve Strong battle Rick Martel, Tom Zenk and Dan Kroffat for the honor.

## WRESTLING VIDEOS

WWF Colesium Video:
Wrestling's Living Legend Bruno Sammartino
Best of the WWF vol.7
Villains of the Squared Circle

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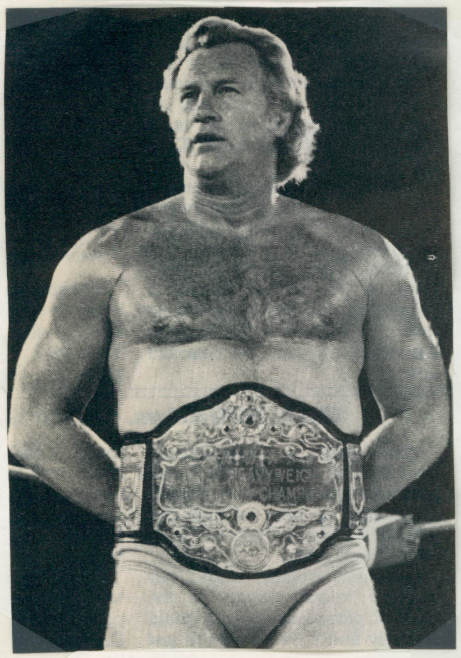
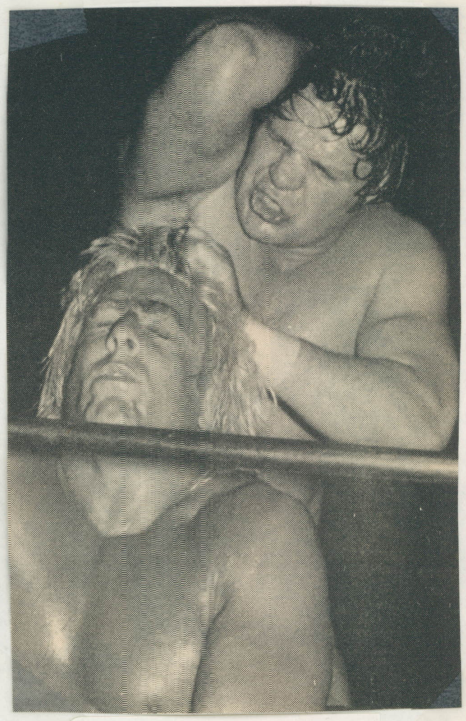
# printing errors!!? who? us?

Pedro Morales' first WWF Intercontinental title reign was ommited from our list of Intercontinental champs last month. He is the man who has held the belt for the longest period of time, two-time I-C champ Pedro Morales. The corrected list is:

Magnificent Don Muraco
June 20, 1981 - November 23, 1981
Pedro Morales
December 8, 1980 - June 20, 1981
Ken Patera
April 21, 1980 - December 8, 1980

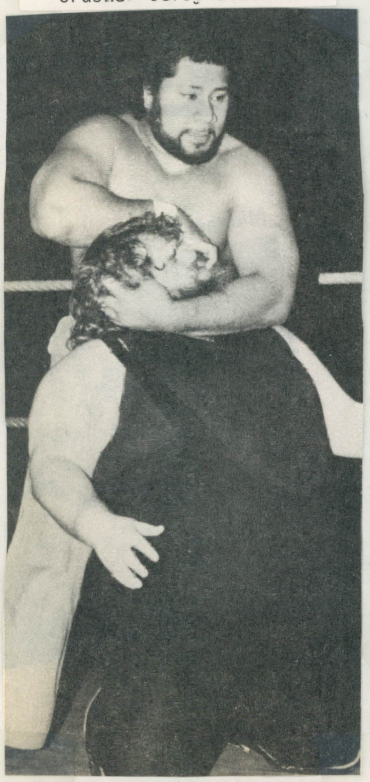


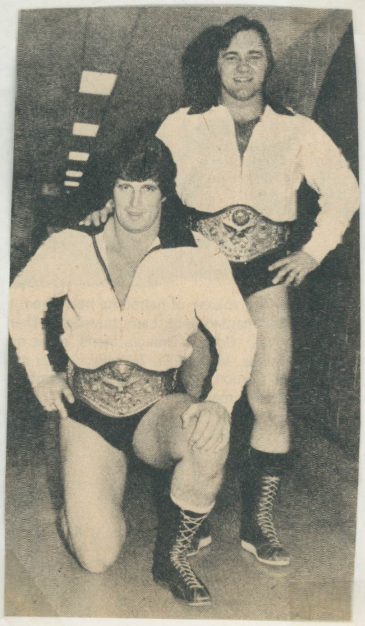
AWA Champion once again, the great Nick Bockwinkel.



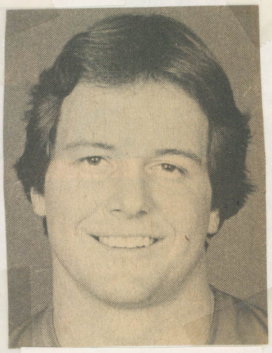
'The Rebel' Dick Slater elbowsmashes Ric Flair.

King Tonga mutilates Crusher Jerry Blackwell.





Larry Zbyszko and Tory Garea WWF tag team champions circa 1978



Rowdy Roddy has not been around since he lost to Mr.T. Where is he?

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Canadian- The Great Samu
Intercontinental- Randy Savage

WWF- Tag Teams
Davey Boy Smith & Dynamite Kid
Jacques & Raymond Rougeau
Jim Neidhart & Brett Hart
Greg Valentine & Brutus Beefcake
The Funks- Dory & Jimmy Jack

AWA- Tag Teams
Playboy Buddy Rose & Doug Somers
Shawn Michaels & Marty Jannetty
Greg Gagne & Superfly Snuka
Scott Hall & Curt Hennig
The Barbarian & Boris Zukhov

NWA Champion:
Ric Flair
Top Ten:
Magnum T.A.
Tully Blanchard
Dusty Rhodes
Nikita Koloff
Lex Lugar
Ronnie Garvin
Rick Morton
Terry Gordy
Barry Windham
Rick Martel

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Road Warriors
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3. P. Orndorff
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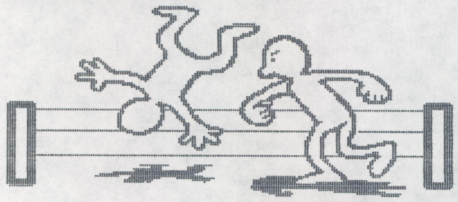

## Wrestling Quotes

Jesse Ventura- 'We're the rule-breakers. It's something a wrestler finds out early, an inner ability to piss people off. I do it easy.'

Tony Atlas- 'Hulk Hogan's a loser. He ain't done nothin' his big mouth said he would do. A guy like Hogan ain't a rassler but an oversized bum.'

Vince McMahon- 'Mr.Wonderful Paul Orndorff and Hulk Hogan, without a doubt one of the greatest tag team combinations of all time.'

Jake 'the Snake' Roberts- 'The DDT cannot be taught. It is a born-in ability. I wouldn't teach my mother the DDT!'

## Champions

## CHRIS ADAMS

230 pounds
Stratford, England

Blinded but not out, Chris Adams has made an amazing comeback and has captured the World Class title from Rick Rude. Some people call this former olympian 'the best little-known wrestler in the world.' Adams wrestled in England for 2 years before coming to the US and winning the WWF light-heavyweight title from Pedro Morales. He then went to the Pacific Northwest for 10 months and then settled in the World Class area.

In Texas, Chris Adams became good friends with the Von Erichs. His had a major feud was with Jimmy Garvin over the American title. After the feud, Adams hired Gary Hart and attacked the Von Erichs. After many bloody battles with the Von Erich and a few NWA title shots, Adams parted company with his manager. The next chapter in Texas history is filled with success and tragedy. Along with Gino Hernandez, Adams captured the WCWA tag team title and took control of Texas. Matches later, the team began fighting each other. It was a horrifying event when Hernandez threw liquid into Adams' eyes- blinding him. Adams was out for months, but is now back. Gino Hernandez though, died a few days later of a cocaine overdose.

## FOREIGN REPORT

The master of the martial arts. The thing that spits mysterious green fog. The monster with the makeup covering its hideously scarred face. The man: The Great Kabuki.

Kabuki has held few titles, but he has managed to win many enemies, including Dusty Rhodes, Jimmy Valiant, and the Junkyard Dog. His green fog that emits from his mouth has temporarily blinded opponents from Japan to Florida to Oregon. The Great Kabuki is much a mystery.

He is currently creating havoc with One Man Gang in the World Class area where they are under the guidance of the notorious Gary Hart.

## MIDNIGHT EXPRESS

Loverboy Dennis Condrey and Beautiful Bobby Eaton are the very successful Midnight Express. They are currently NWA World tag team champions and have held the World Class and Mid-South belts on different occasions. With their rich, mouthy, diabolical manager, Jim Cornette, the Midnight Express has turned back all challengers to the World belts, including the Road Warriors. This summer's Great American Bash has provided intense competition from former champs, the Rock 'n' Roll Express and Dusty Rhodes & Magnum TA, with the Midnight Express continuously coming out on top, with a little help from Cornette's tennis racket!

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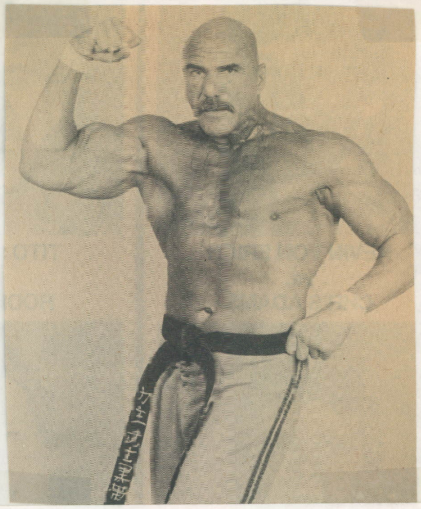
Western Fair

WWF London
September 29, 1986
London Gardens

One Man Gang, a monster terrorizing World Class Wrestling.



Superstar Billy Graham is back in the WWF. He claims he is after the likes of the Iron Shiek, Big John Studd and Don Muraco.

Gentleman Chris Adams, left, the current owner of the World Class Championship, shown here with the late Gino Hernandez.

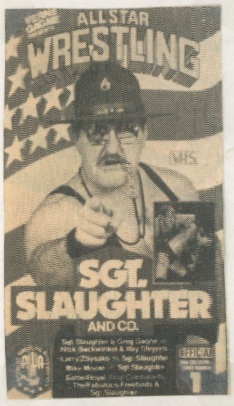
# The Greatest Night In Canadian Pro Wrestling History

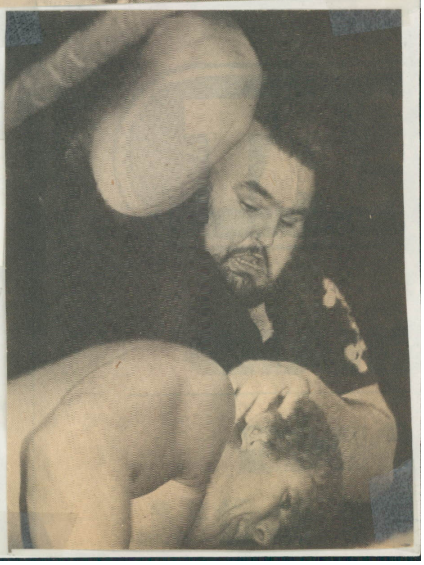
August 28, 1986

WORLD ATTENDANCE RECORD SET IN TORONTO OF 63,000!!!

The new world record of more than 63,000 at a live wrestling match was set in Toronto. It may have been the greatest night in wrestling history... Here follows our account of the card from reporter James Dostal.

Killer Bees beat Dory Funk Jr. & Jimmy Jack Funk
Dick Slater beat Iron Mike Sharpe
Jacques & Raymond Rougeau beat Greg Valentine & Brutus Beefcake
Ted Arcidi beat Tony Garea
Billy Jack Haynes beat Hercules Hernandez
Harley Race beat Pedro Morales
Junkyard Dog beat Adrian Adonis
King Tonga drew Magnificent Muraco
Rick Steamboat beat Jake Roberts in a Snake Pit, no DQ match
Big John Studd, King Kong Bundy & Bobby Heenan beat Giant & Super Machine & Lou Albano by DQ
Hulk Hogan beat Paul Orndorff by disqualification when Bobby Heenan hit Hogan with a steel chair.



One Man Gang drops one of his huge elbows on the prone Lance Von Erich.

WRESTLING VIDEOS

AWA Verne Gagne Presents:
Sgt. Slaughter & Co. Vol.2
Larry Zbyszko
Jimmy Garvin & Steve Regal

## EDITORIAL

For the month of September 1986.
by: Greg Oliver

This is my explaination of the Strong Machines. 1. There is a tag team in Japan called the Strong Machines. They're hated and managed by Wakamatsu. 2. Andre the Giant tours Japan frequently as a bad guy. On occassion Japan, Andre has put on a mask and becomes the Giant Machine. 3. It is not known whether the WWF team consists of one of the 'true' team and Andre or not. Clues lead us to believe that the Super Machine is Masked Superstar. 4. The Machines have used many illegal tactics, are managed by Lou Albano and are being cheered. 5. They are going after other bad guys, Bundy & Studd. Will the WWF belts be next?

## AWA NEWS

The Midnight Rockers and the team of Greg Gagne & Superfly Snuka are hot on the trail of AWA tag team champions, Pretty Boy Doug Somers and Playboy Buddy Rose.

A recent live telecast of ESPN AWA Championship Wrestling featured Stan Hansen's last title defense. It was a bloody brawl against Jerry Blackwell that Hansen lost by disqualification. The next night in Denver, Hansen would be forced to surrender his title.

What kind of Americas champion is Sgt.Slaughter? He nevers defends his title anymore, he is too preoccupied with his GI Joe movie career...

## NWA Happenings...

Dusty Rhodes has won and lost the most prestigious title in wrestling since our last printing. He beat Ric Flair in early August to claim his third NWA World championship and then lost the belt back to Flair less than a month later. This will be Ric Flair's fourth title reign.

Lex Lugar, Southern champion, has given Flair very tough matches for the NWA title so Flair now refuses to give Lugar anymore title shots.

Uncle Elmer, now know as Hillbilly Elmer, has been helping out his old friend Jerry Lawler in Tennessee.

## Welcome Back to the WWF!

(We hope you stay awhile)

Familiar names have been heard on WWF brodcasts. Names like Superstar Billy Graham, Kamala, Tonga Kid and Roddy Piper. Billy Graham is the man who beat Bruno for the belt. Kamala is Andre's enemy and is another giant. Tonga Kid, Superfly Snuka's cousin. And the strangest of all, Piper, who is back, and is being cheered by the fans (to everyone's surprise, including his!). We call him a popular rulebreaker. We'd also like to welcome the Machines, or Andre and his pal, (whom we think is Masked Superstar). Under a mask, Andre might get his deserved title shot.

There are also a few newcomers to the WWF, namely 'the Birdman' Koko B. Ware, and Dick 'the Rebel' Slater. Koko B. Ware was one half of the PYT's, and buddy of Brickhouse Brown and the Junkyard Dog. He also wrestled in the sport's first scaffold match against Bill Dundee. Dick Slater is a strange one. A former 'bad' guy, buddy of Bob Orton, enemy of Greg Valentine and threat to the NWA title. Also there is Brickhouse Brown, a drifter who is looking for a place to settle down. Then there is the Honkytonk Man (we don't know who this wierdo is) and the even wierder Slick, half-manager of Iron Shiek, Nikolai Volkoff and Herc Hernandez.

From all of us at the Wrestling Report, we wish you lots of luck... you'll sure need it!!!

Terry Funk once made a replica of the NWA belt and claimed that he was still the NWA champion!

Jimmy 'Mouth of the South' Hart has a new album out called 'Outrageous Conduct' and he has appeared on Toronto radio stations and Much Music to promote it.

## Did you know that...

Killer Brooks once won $5,000 in a Texas Brawl Battle Royale where wrestlers were allowed to bring anything into the ring!

Lord Alfred Hayes was at one time in his career managed by Bobby 'the Brain' Heenan!

Jesse 'the Body' Ventura and 'Sadistic' Steve Strong were once Hawaiin tag team champs!

## WWF Notes...

Roddy Piper's back! He was filming a movie with Tonga Kid, the Samoans and Cyndi Lauper. It seems that he is very frustrated after losing his Piper's Pit segment and friend Bob Orton. These problems have touched off a feud between Piper and Fred Blassie/Slick's men- Iron Shiek, Nikolai Volkoff & Hercules Hernandez.

Jesse Ventura has retired from active wrestling because the WWF did not renew his contract.

Randy Savage seems to be faultering of late. Look for Rick Steamboat or the Junkyard Dog to snatch up Savage's Intercontinental belt.

## International Wrestling

The Canadian International TV champion has been crowned. He is Alofa the Polynesian Prince. As TV champion, Alofa must defend his belt once a month against a ranked challenger on television. Recently he took on Shiek Ali in a non-title match- and lost! It may just be a short reign...

The young, exciting team of Terriffic Tom Zenk and Dangerous Dan Kroppat have captured the Canadian International tag team belts with a victory over the former champions, the Long Riders. The belts had been held up for over two months...

In our opinion, Rick Martel is stagnating here in Canada. He needs to return to the AWA...

## BJ BLACKJACK MULLIGAN

310 POUNDS
SWEETWATER, TX

Blackjack Mulligan is Texas Tough.

He has battled the best around the world using his famous claw hold.

Blackjack Mulligan's best successes have come in tag team wrestling, holding the WWF title with Blackjack Lanza, the NWA title with Ric Flair, the US title with Dusty Rhodes and more. He has also teamed with his sons Barry & Kendall Windham to battle the likes of Kevin Sullivan, Angelo Mosca and Bobby Duncum. Mulligan is currently in the WCWA where he managed to break Bruiser Brody's arm.

## FATCORNER

**One Man Gang** enjoys hurting people. From Chicago at 468 pounds, his manager Gary Hart says that he has trouble finding opponents for OMG. One Man Gang always carries an enormouus chain and he likes to use it. OMG's best hold is the bearhug-very few have escaped his vicelike grip. This giant has been known to break men's jaws with his forearm. One Man Gang is a World Class wrestling veteran- he has fought all of the Von Erichs and he once held part of the six-man tag team title with Mark Lewin and KilerBrooks. No one really knows too much about OMG- but no one wants to get close enough to find out anything!!

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# History Corner

'A look at wrestling history in Canada.'

NWA TORONTO
September 9, 1979
Tournament for Canadian Title

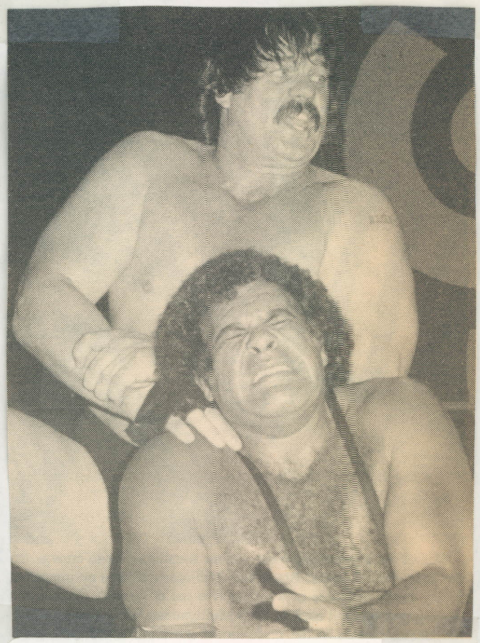
1st Round
Mad Dog Vachon bt. Jay Youngblood
Greg Valentine bt. Pedro Morales
Jimmy Snuka bt. Angelo Mosca by DQ
Rick Steamboat bt. Brute Bernard
Gene Kiniski beat Lord Al Hayes
Dewey Robertson bt. Ken Patera

2nd Round
Greg Valentine bt. Mad Dog Vachon
Rick Steamboat bt. Jimmy Snuka
Dewey Robertson bt. Gene Kiniski

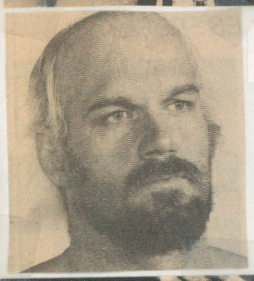
Semi-Final
Greg Valentine over Rick Steamboat by forfeit

Final
Dewey Robertson bt. Greg Valentine to claim the Canadian championship

NWA World Tag Team Champions, The Midnight Express, l to r, Dennis Condrey, manager Jim Cornette and Bobby Eaton.



Blackjack Mulligan with the shoulder claw on Angelo Mosca.



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Birthdays in October:
Oct 6: Bruno Sammartino
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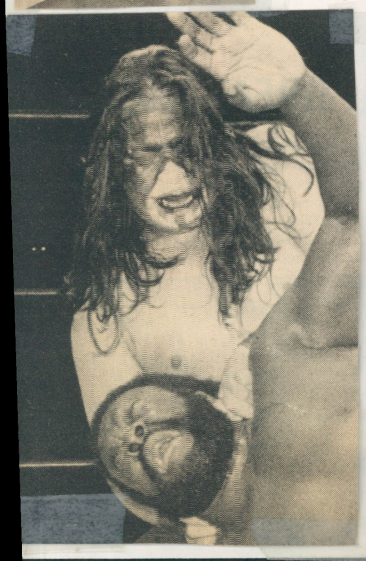
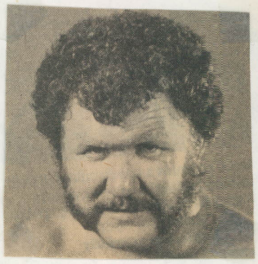
Oct 29: Paul Orndorff

The Great Kabuki, before his match and during a match against the Junkyard Dog.



We believe that Masked Superstar is the Super Machine.



Handsome Harley Race has been coronated as the 'king of wrestling' on a recent WWF brodcast.

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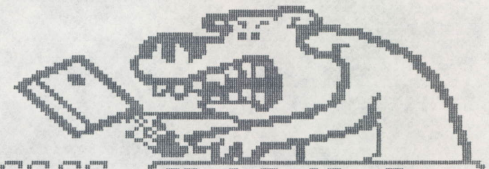

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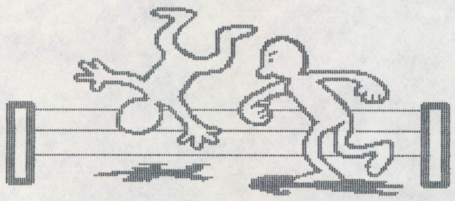
| Tully Blanchard | Larry Zbyszko |
| Lex Lugar | Stan Hansen |
| Dusty Rhodes | Scott Hall |
| Magnum T.A. | Col. DeBeers |
| Terry Gordy | Nord The Barbarian |
| Barry Windham | Jimmy Snuka |
| Rip Oliver | Boris Zukhov |
| Rick Martel | Greg Gagne |
| Ronnie Garvin | Curt Hennig |

NWA Tag Teams-
Rick Morton & Robert Gibson
Bobby Eaton & Dennis Condrey
Dusty Rhodes & Magnum T.A.
Road Warriors
Wahoo McDaniel & Ronnie Garvin

WWF- Top Ten
1. Hulk Hogan
2. R. Savage
3. P. Orndorff
4. Jake Roberts
5. R.Steamboat
6.Junkyard Dog
7. Roddy Piper
8. A.Adonis
9. Harley Race
10. Dick Slater



## Wrestling Quotes

Randy Savage- 'Macho-madness is more seductive, than sex.'

Larry Zbyszko- 'We'll lie, cheat, steal, cripple, and do whatever we have to do for me to get to the top and that's regardless of you fat, gutted, beer stuffed, potato chip stomached, teethless slobs! I want my destiny!!

Bobby Heenan- 'The good thing about being SD Jones is being able to get up in the morning and put on whatever he wants because nothing will match anyway.'

Donna's Report- 'Jimmy Snuka makes Greg Gagne's old partner Jim Brunzell look like a submarine.'

## Champions

### Cowboy Ron Bass

265 pounds
Pampa, Texas
Yesterday a hero, today a villain. Cowboy Ron Bass is Florida State champion, having defeated Kendall Windham in July. But don't get me wrong, Bass is no Orndorff, he's made the change from good to bad many times. Once when refereeing a Race-Rhodes NWA championship match, once with Blackjack Mulligan, once with Barry Windham, once with JJ.Dillon, and more. Bass is now feuding with the Windhams and Lex Lugar.

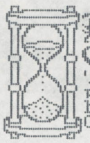
## FOREIGN REPORT

'I ready for any action' says Pedro Morales and the truth is, he has already met it. WWF champion, tag team champ, Intercontinental champ twice, Southern champ, WWC titles, and the coup de gras, a famous 75-minute draw with the Living Legend, Bruno Sammartino. At 240 pounds from Cuelebra, Puerto Rico, Pedro is proud of his heritage, including doing WWF brodcasts in Spanish. After a few years of stagnation, Pedro Morales is making his way back up the ratings. Last month he cracked our top ten because of his numerous title shots at I-C champ Randy Savage. He's not done yet...

## The Four Horsemen

Ric Flair, Tully Blanchard, Ole and Arn Anderson are the Four Horsemen. With a little guidance from the infamous James Julius Dillon, these four have become the most hated men in the NWA- after sneak attacking the likes of the Road Warriors, Dusty Rhodes, Magnum TA, the Rock 'n' Roll Express, Ronnie Garvin and Wahoo McDaniel how can anyone not be slightly disliked! These guys are not after any titles, they are just beating up all possible contenders for Flair's NWA title and Blanchard's National title. The question 'where will they stike next?' haunts everyone's mind.

## History Corner



'A look at wrestling history in Canada.'

NWA Toronto
December 17, 1978

Whipper Billy Watson Appreciation Night.
*note* Bill Watson is a former NWA World Champ and canadian hero.

Rick Steamboat beat 'Nature Boy' Ric Flair to win US title
Dino Bravo beat Gene Kiniski to win the vacant Canadian title.
Tony Atlas & Jay Youngblood beat Greg Valentine & Baron Von Raschke
Tiger Jeet Singh beat Zimba Khan
Paul Jones beat Gene Anderson
Jimmy 'Superfly' Snuka beat Big Swede Hansen

Pro Wrestling Canada
November 23, 1986
Kitchener Memorial Auditorium

WrestleMania 3
March 29, 1987

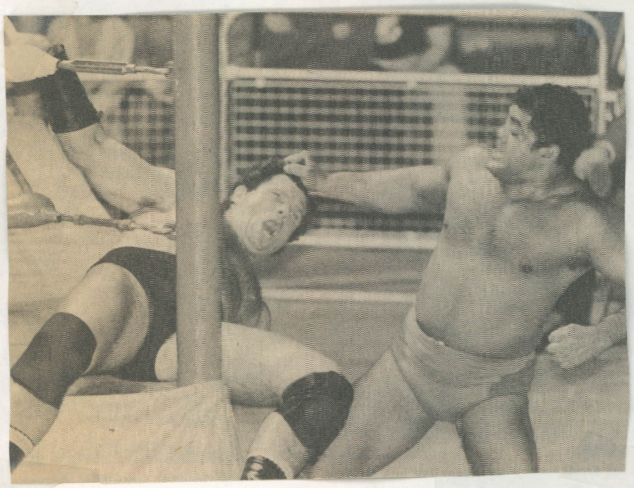
AWA Chicago
October 26, 1986
$100,000 battle royale

## Rasslin' Results

NWF Wrestling
London September 10, 1986
Reporter: Chris Oliver
Jules Strongbow beat Nick DeCarlo - 'Mad Dog' DC Drake & Damein King beat Chris Carter & Calypso Jim - NWF Ladies champ Wendi Richter beat Toni Starr - Polynesian Wildman beat Frankie Lane - Sgt.Slaughter beat Prince Muhammad Hammad - Rick Martel won a 10-man, $25,000, over-the-top-rope battle royale.
WWF Toronto September 7, 1986
Hulk Hogan & Roddy Piper beat Paul Orndorff & Adrian Adonis by DQ - Rick Steamboat beat Iron Shiek - Hercules Hernandez beat Cousin Luke - Koko Ware beat Steve Lombardi - Kamala beat Lanny Poffo - Dick Slater beat Mr.X - Hoss Funk beat Davey Boy Smith - Dynamite Kid beat Jimmy Jack Funk

## Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

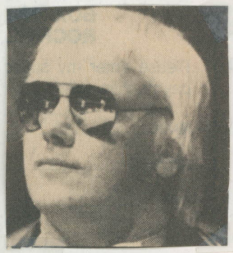
October 4, 1986 Cleveland Civic Centre
Hulk Hogan beat Paul Orndorff by DQ
Rick Steamboat pinned Jake Roberts
Rowdy Roddy Piper beat Iron Shiek
British Bulldogs beat Greg Valentine & Brutus Beefcake in a best-out-of-3 falls European rules match
Kamala the Ugandan Headhunter beat Leaping Lanny Poffo
Next Main Event: November 22, 1985



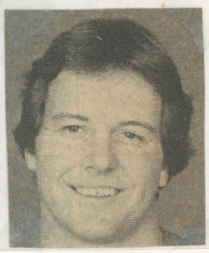
Pedro Morales winds up to hit Iron Mike Sharpe

Look at Jesse Barr... or is it Jimmy Jack Funk?

Nick Kiniski, son of former AWA and NWA champion, Canadian Legend, Gene Kiniski.

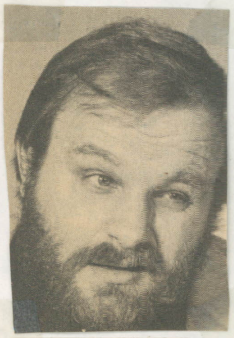


'The Fabulous Blond' Ken Timbs is in the AWA looking to win a $100,000 battle royale.



Rowdy Roddy Piper recently saved Hulk Hogan from Adrian Adonis and Paul Orndorff.

The Four Horsemen-



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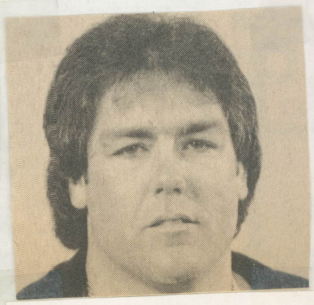
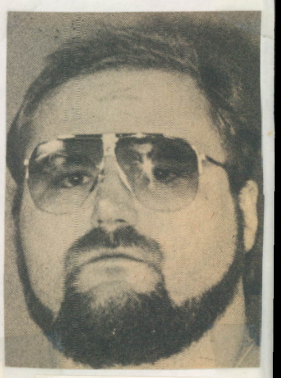
Ric Flair



Tully Blanchard



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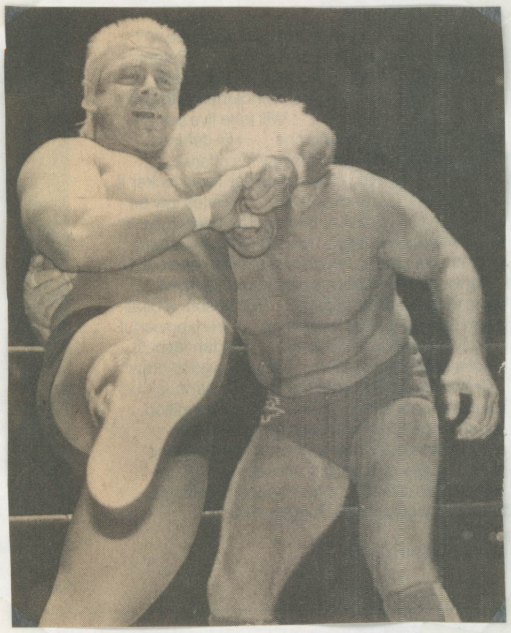
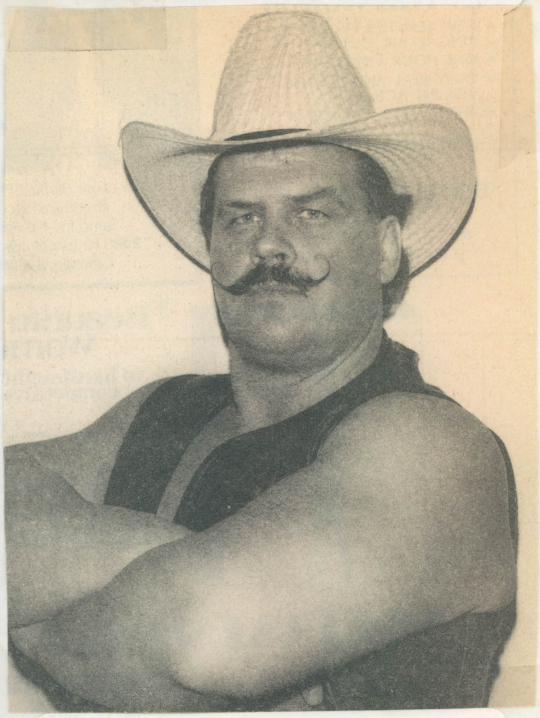
'Hands of Stone' Ronnie Garvir headlocks NWA champion Ric Flair.

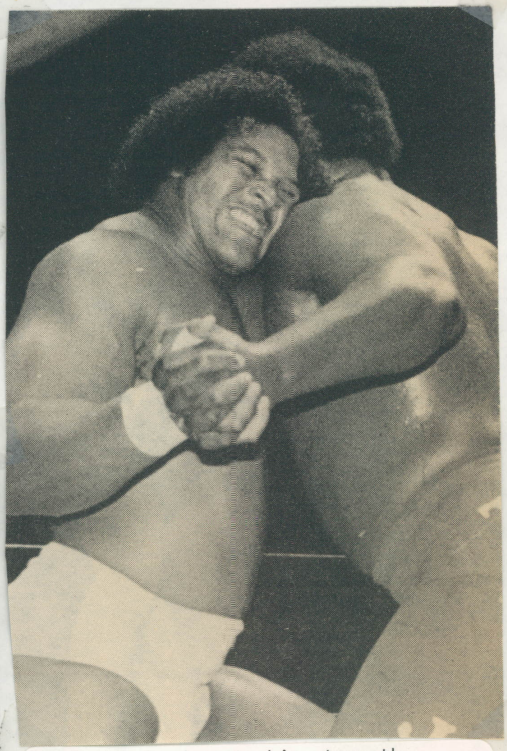


Birthdays in November:
November 6: Ken Patera
November 10: Cowboy Bob Orton
November 21: Samoan Afa
November 26: Blackjack Mulligan
November 27: Playboy Buddy Rose
November 28: Ernie Ladd
November 29: Jerry Lawler

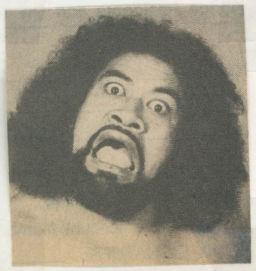
King Kong Bundy



Florida champion, Cowboy Ron Bass



Butch Reed tests his strength against the Junkyard Dog.



Samoan Sika has returned to the WWF without his partner Afa.

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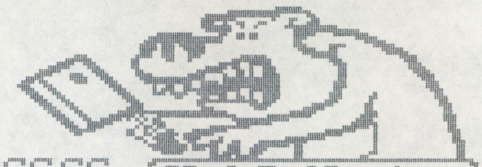

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## Rating the Superstars

Champions
NWA- Ric Flair
AWA- Nick Bockwinkel
WWF- Hulk Hogan
WCWA- Chris Adams
Canadian- Great Samu

WWF Champion:
Hulk Hogan
Top Ten:
1. Randy Savage
2. P.Orndorff
3. R.Steamboat
4. Jake Roberts
5. Roddy Piper
6. Harley Race
7. Dick Slater
8. JYD
9. Bob Orton
10. H.Hernandez

WWF- Tag Teams
Davey Boy Smith & Dynamite Kid
Jim Neidhart & Brett Hart
Jacques & Raymond Rougeau
The Islanders- Haku & Tomo
Junkyard Dog & George Steele

AWA- Tag Teams
Playboy Buddy Rose & Doug Somers
Shawn Michaels & Marty Jannetty
Boris Zukhov & Ali Khan
Greg Gagne & Superfly Snuka
Larry Zbyszko & Mr.Go

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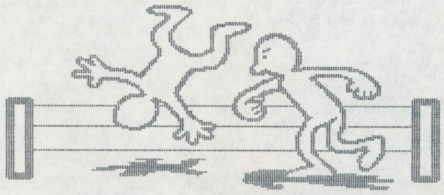


## Wrestling Quotes

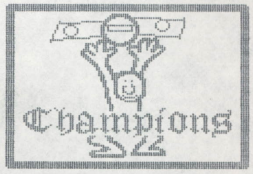
Jerry Blackwell- 'Everyone says money talks and bullcrap walks.'

Greg Valentine- 'Dirty Dick Slater would kick his own mother down a flight of stairs to get a title shot.'

Dick the Bruiser- 'All I want to do is get the job done, give the fans some action and get out and drink some beer.'

Stan Hansen- 'What's the big deal about hitting the referee? The man gets a payed like everyone else. He takes his chances like everyone else.'

Jerry Lawler- 'The only way the Junkyard Dog could be a TV star is if he plays Lassie.'

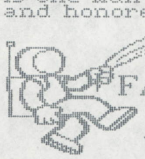



## Terry Gordy

289 pounds
Chattanooga, TN
'BammBamm' Terry Gordy reigns over the toughest and bloodiest league in pro wrestling. He is UWF champion. Terry Gordy is, of course, one of the Fabulous Freebirds who were lured out World Class by a $1 million UWF contract. On May 30, Terry Gordy won a tournament to decide the first UWF champion with a controversial win over Hacksaw Duggan. The Freebirds are feuding with everyone in the UWF, including president Bill Watts. Will Freebird Fantastia survive?

## FOREIGN REPORT

Born in Japan, Jumbo Tsuruta is a former AWA champion. He beat the hated Nick Bockwinkel in Japan, but the belt brought little appreciation from the American fans. On May 13, 1984, after many respectable title defenses, Tsuruta lost a thrilling scientific match and the AWA World title to Rick Martel. Trained under Giant Baba, Dory & Terry Funk, Jumbo has held most of the Japaneese titles, the NWA International title, the NWA International tag team title and the US title. Currently Jumbo is All-Japan International champion. He is one man who had a dream, found it and honored it proudly.




As the UWF tag team belts are still vacant, the former champions, the Fantastics, still continue to act like champions. They lost their belts to Eddie Gilbert & Blade Runner Sting. Later, in a rematch, Gilbert was caught throwing salt and the belts were held up. The Fantastics have also been feuding with the Fabulous Freebirds. These two brave individuals like to stun crowds with their seemingly impossible maneuvers. Look for them to win back the UWF tag team belts.

## Pro Wrestling Canada

PWC Kitchener
November 23, 1986
Kitchener Memorial Auditorium 8:00 pm

US Champion
Nikita Koloff vs
National Champion
Wahoo McDaniel

National Tag Team Champions
Krusher Krushchev & Ivan Koloff vs Hawk & Animal, the Road Warriors
Tony Parisi & Gino Brito Jr. vs Gilles Poisson & Man Mountain Moore
Jimmy 'Boogie Woogie Man' Valiant vs the Hangman
Also: Three other matches, including Angelo Mosca Jr!
'If you're not there, you're nowhere!'

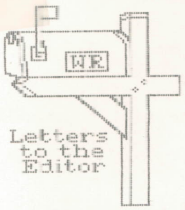
WWF Oshawa
December 2, 1986

WWF London
December 2, 1986

WrestleMania 3
March 29, 1987

WWF Buffalo
December 4, 1986

MoscaMania
January 18, 1987
Copps Coliseum

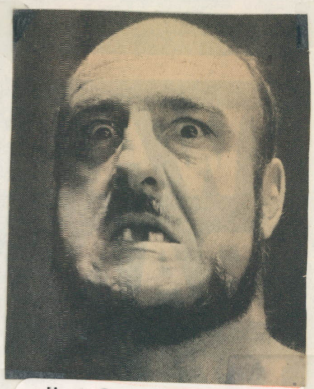



Letters to the Editor

The Wrestling Report: Where did Dewey Robertson get to and where did he wrestle. I haven't heard about him for about 35 years. C.Gottfried. Kitchener

Dewey Robertson, 247 pounds, out of Ontario, was in 1977, International tag team champion under a mask with Billy Red Lyons as the Crusaders. Dewey has also been Central States and Canadian champ. He won his Canadian belt by beating Greg Valetine in a tournament and he lost to Hussien Arab (Iron Shiek). Robertson was a man to be respected. His current location is unknown.

Dewey Robertson

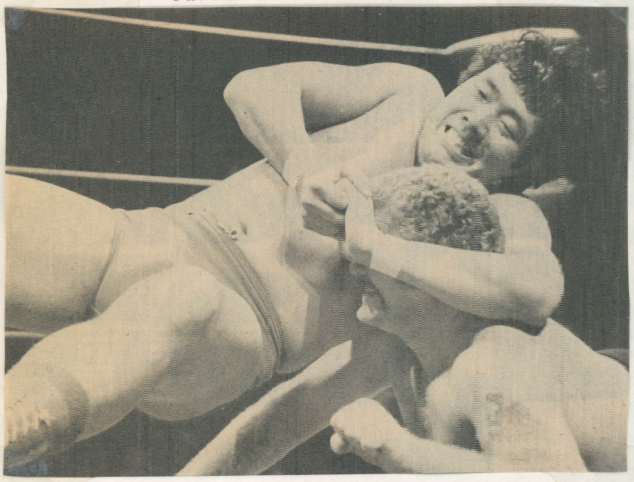


Mad Dog Vachon retired this month, with a victory over Sailor White.

'Bamm Bamm' Terry Gordy, current UWF champion.

The Fantastics, l to r, Tommy Rogers & Bobby Fulton

Birthdays in December:
December 5: Dynamite Kid
December 5: Larry Zbyszko
December 6: Nick Bockwinkel
December 13: Junkyard Dog
December 13: Dino Bravo
December 13: Brad Rheingans
December 19: Gene Okerlund
December 27: Masked Superstar

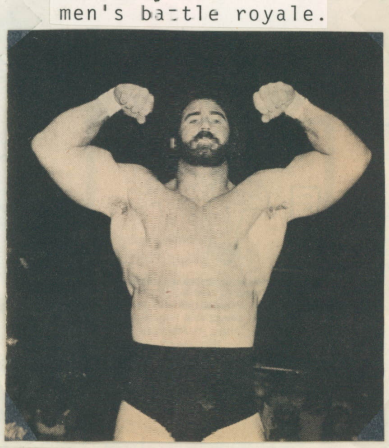


Former AWA champ, Jumbo Tsuruta takes on seven time NWA champion, Harley Race.

Fabulous Moolah recently won a men's battle royale.

Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

November 29th, 1985
Hulk Hogan vs. Hercules Hernandez



Hercules Hernandez is now being managed by Bobby Heenan.

# EDITORIAL

For the month of November 1986.

'DEAD END RHODE(s)' by: Serge Solski
Dusty Rhodes has fought NWA champ Ric Flair more times in the last 4 years than there are days in a year! It is time to awaken from the American Dream, and face reality. Sure Dusty just won the belt- but he lost it two weeks later (I know people who wear underwear that long!). It is time for Dusty to move on and fade away- his valet, Baby Doll left him, Magnum TA guns after Flair, and the Road Warriors rarely team with him to defend the 6-man tag belts. If Rhodes realizes his fate, he should move to Florida, World Class, or the resting place for NWA champs, the ever-controversial WWF.

A career retrospective:

## Magnum T.A. Terry Allen

It happened so suddenly, and then it became apparent, wrestling has lost one of its superstars. Terry Allen crashed in his automobile near his home in Charlotte, N.C. early in October. Thanks to his tremendous conditioning and fighting heart, Magnum is still alive today. At one point, doctors felt he couldn't survive, and if he did, he would be fully paralyzed. Now the diagnosis is that he is paralyzed on the right side.

Magnum T.A. was a great wrestler, holding the United States title twice for nearly a year, the North American title twice, the Global tag title with Scott McGhee, and the Mid-South tag team title twice, once with Hacksaw Duggan and once with his trainer Mr. Wrestling II. Terry Allen was started into the sport of professional wrestling by six-time NWA champion Lou Thesz.

This leaves a void in the NWA, as Magnum was feuding very heavily with the current US champion Nikita Koloff, and was one, if not the top, contender to Ric Flair's World title.

The sport of wrestling can be thankful for the years Terry Allen gave. He loved the sport, his fans and friends with passion. We can only thank the good Lord for keeping him alive, with us today.

You can write to Magnum Terry Allen at the Memorial Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## NWA Happenings...

Ivan Koloff & Krusher Krushchev won the National tag team titles in a tournament in late September.

Barry Windham beat Ron Bass for the Florida title... Wahoo McDaniel beat Tully Blanchard for the National title... Ronnie Garvin beat Black Bart for the Mid-Atlantic title...

Ravishing Rick Rude has left World Class Wrestling and is now in the NWA... The Kansas Jayhawks, Dutch Mantel & Bobby Jaggers, have been taken to heart by NWA fans as they battle the Russians... 'Capt. Redneck' Dick Murdoch is back in the NWA...

## WF Notes...

Newcomers to the WWF:

Dino Bravo - now a rulebreaker and managed by Johnny Valiant former WWF & NWA tag team champ, and Canadian champ four out of the last five years.

Blackjack Mulligan - WWF veteran, good an bad guy - claims he's after King Kong Bundy and Randy Savage.

'Mr.Electricity' Steve Regal a former AWA tag team champion, AWA and NWA lightweight champion.

The Junkyard Dog-Butch Reed wars from the east are on again... Where is Harley Race's title shot- he has not yet been pinned in the WWF...

Bobby 'The Brain' Heenan and Baron Von Raschke once wrestled in a handicap match against Terrible Ted, a grizzly bear.

Gorilla Monsoon once managed Chief Jay Strongbow.

Mil Mascaras made and starred in a Mexican film called 'Champions of Justice'

## Did you know that...

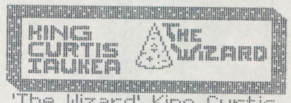
The Fabulous Freebirds' new album, Rebel Rock, has been released.

Adrian Adonis once beat King Kong Bundy by countout in Japan.

Andre the Giant (or Giant Machine) is filming a movie in Europe.

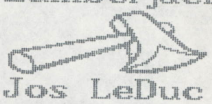
In 1977, Rick Martel beat King Curtis Iaukea in Auland, New Zealand to win the Commonwealth title.

## Marvelous Managers




'The Wizard' King Curtis Iaukea, was once 'Chairman of the Board' as a member of Kevin Sullivan's Satanic Clan. Would you believe that King Curtis once played football for the British Columbia Lions! He was also one of the most feared men ever to step into the ring. At 360 pounds, Curtis' 'big splash' injured many opponents. Today, Iaukea claims to have 'found' Kamala and Sika with a little help from the late Grand Wizard.

## Lumberjack Jos LeDuc



Born 40 years ago in Godbout, Quebec, Jos LeDuc turned pro in 1967. His 290 pounds always seemed to be in his favour. LeDuc has won the Canadian, Mid-Atlantic, Florida Southeastern, Southern, Maritime, and Mid-Atlantic TV titles, along with several tag team titles with his brother Paul. Often, LeDuc has been compared to the great Yukon Eric. Jos LeDuc is a master of the Lumberjack match. He has beaten such notables as Jerry Lawler, Dino Bravo, Jimmy Valiant, Austin Idol and Dick Slater in his specialty match. LeDuc is one of Canada's greatest wrestlers- whether he is booed or cheered.

## AWA NEWS

Sgt. Slaughter has been stripped of the Americas title because of his departure from the AWA. A tourney will happen soon to create the new champion. Scott Hall, Col.DeBeers, Boris Zukhov and former champ Larry Zbyszko are top contenders for the Americas title.

Sherri Martel defended her AWA Ladies title throughout Japan during the month of October.

AWA Champion, Nick Bockwinkel, has suffered non-title losses to Nord the Barbarian, and Colonel DeBeers... Stan Hansen still has the old AWA belt, and wants a rematch against Bockwinkel...

## International Wrestling

Richard 'the Magnificent' Charland and Shiek Ali are the new Canadian international tag team champions, having defeated Dan Kroffat & Tom Zenk for the belts. The win came about with a little help from manager 'Pretty Boy' Floyd Creechman and a foreign oject. Creechman Jr. now manages the tag team champions, and Canadian champion, the Great Samu. 'Dr.D' David Schultz recently attacked Steve Strong while wearing a mask. Schultz claims he has a score to settle with Strong, and has been accepted by the fans! This is definitely a turn-around for the man who has been banned from the WWF & AWA... Jos LeDuc is back in Canada... Hercules Ayala is also...

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## History Corner

'A look at wrestling history in Canada.'

NWA TORONTO
March 3, 1949

Fred Atkins beat Whipper Billy Watson by countout to win the British Empire Title after 34:19.

Ray Villmer beat HiLee by DQ
Mike (Oh What a Body) Sharpe beat Ray O'Donnell by DQ after 25:07
Earl McCready was awarded the referee's decision over Frank Valois after 20 minutes
Pat Flanagan drew with Ate Yurlat after 20 minutes
Boys and girls- Play safely so you can play longer. Join Whipper's Safety Club. G.Rover 2224

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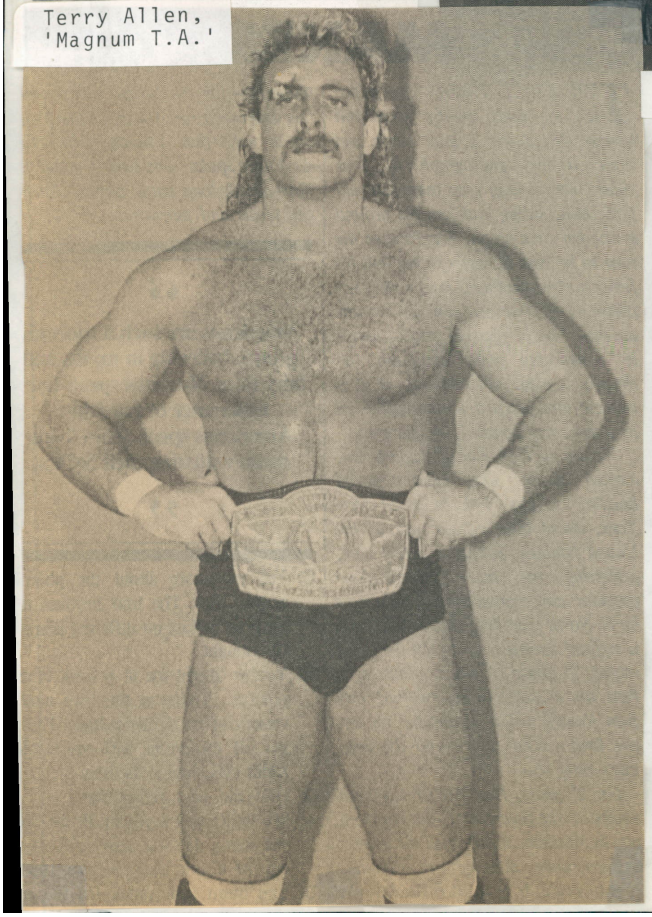
Satanic Kevin Sullivan with King Curtis Iaukea.



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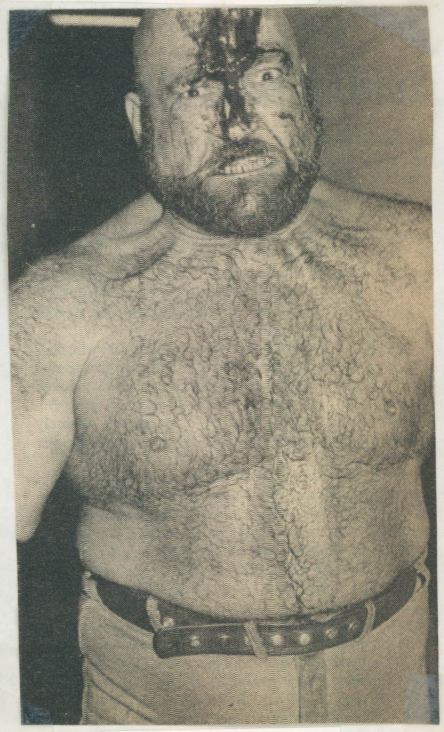

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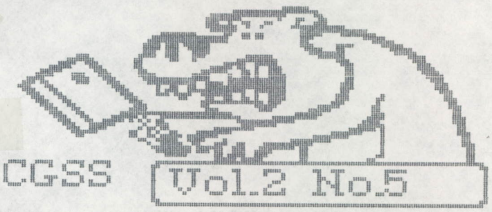

## Rating the Superstars

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10. Kamala

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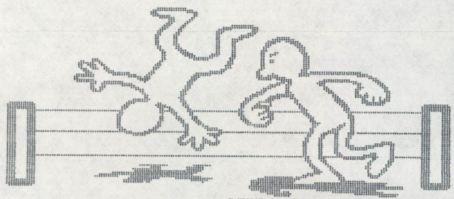
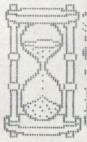


NWA TORONTO
May 26, 1984



## History Corner

'A look at wrestling history in Canada.'

Ric Flair beat Dick Slater to retain his NWA World Championship after 16:38.
Angelo Mosca beat Ivan Koloff in a Russian chain Match after 21:32.
Angelo Mosca Jr. beat the Great Kabuki after 16:18
The Grapplers beat Pistol Pez Whatley & Vinnie Valentino at 18:09
Buddy Hart & Johnny Weaver beat Leo Burke & Rudy Kay at 12:47
Terry Kay beat Don Kolov in 6:11
Brian Adidas beat Doug Vines in 5:15
Tony Parisi beat Jeff Swords in 7:31

## 'Dr.D' David Schultz

265 pounds
Memphis,Tenn.

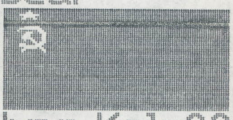
Canadian International champion, David Schultz is a new man. He is no longer the world's dirtiest and most hated wrestler. He is a man who has been accepted by the fans for his attempts to cripple Steve Strong and former champ Great Samu. Schultz has a colourful history to say the least. He has fought Hulk Hogan to an inch of his life, and the event he is most famous for, hitting ABC reporter John Stossel on TV.

## Sheepherders

## U.S.Tag Team Champions

The Sheepherders two cousins from New Zealand- Crazy Luke Williams & Wild Butch Miller, could be called the bloodiest and most violent tag team in history. Their feuds with former flag carrier Hangman Bobby Jaggers, the RPM's, the Fabulous Ones and the Fantastics have left the wrestling world in awe. And now they are US (Florida) tag team champions, having upset the Fabulous Ones. This isn't their first title and won't be their last. Belts bring fights- and fights bring blood.

## Interviewing the Russian Bear



## Ivan Koloff

As The Wrestling Report talked with Ivan Koloff, it became apparent that he is a very intelligent man.

WR: Mr.Koloff, since you are one of the legends in this sport, do you feel that your nephew Nikita will surpass you one day?

IK: Well, it seems he already that he has, because he is much younger than I am. First of all, I've been wrestling for twenty years and I trained him myself. I brought him over to America two and a half years ago and my feeling as to surpassing me, he's already done this. There is going to be a match on Thanksgiving night of this year.

WR: Starrcade.

IK: Yes, Starrcade, when Nikita is going after Ric Flair for the World title and I believe that he is very capable of taking it.

WR: So you have high hopes for him.

IK: Oh yes, very definite as far as that goes.

WR: It would be a very great accomplishment for him to hold the US Title and the Heavyweight title.

IK: The thing is if he takes the World title like this then he will have to put aside US title because NWA rules say you cannot have two titles at the same time. But this is the main objective, you always want the

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MoscaMania 2
January 18, 1987
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WrestleMania 3
March 29, 1987

WWC San Juan, Puerto Rico
December 18, 1986
San Juan Colesium

WWF Niagara Falls
January 13, 1987

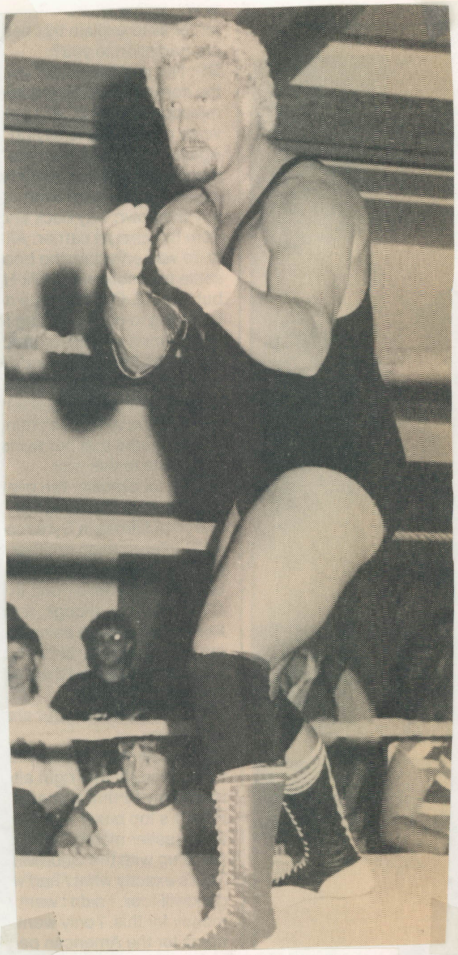
WWF London
January 12, 1987

'Mr.Irresistible'
Sweet Daddy Siki

SWEET DADDY SIKI

Sweet Daddy Siki has emerged onto the International wrestling scene. The 'Irresistible Sweet Daddy', known for his 'coco butt' and 'neck breaker', has firmly put himself in the INW, as he has started a feud with Jos LeDuc. The Sweet Daddy is from Greenwich Village, New York City and weighs about 250 pounds.

A typical Siki entrance is a slow strut to the ring, at least five minutes of priming into his two personalized mirrors, removal of his gloves, his cape, and finally his sunglasses. Sweet Daddy is one of the original 'pretty boys' of wrestling. Now in his 40's, Sweet Daddy Siki is still going strong.



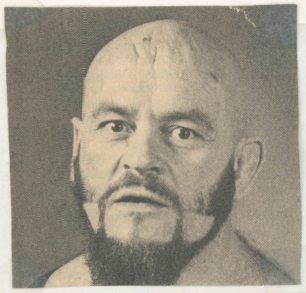
'Dr.D.' David Schultz,
Canadian champion.

## Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

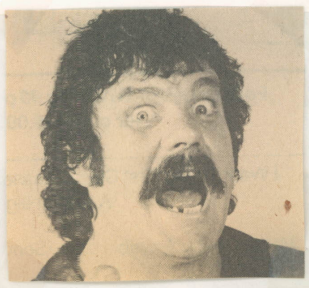
LA Sports Arena November 30, 1986
Hulk Hogan beat Hercules Hernandez
Roddy Piper beat Bob Orton
Magnificent Muraco beat Dick Slater
Killer Bees beat Hart Foundation
Koko B.Ware beat Nikolai Volkoff
Jake Robert vs Randy Savage-
double disqualification

Next Show: January 3, 1987

The Wrestling Report would like to thank Ivan Koloff for his time in allowing us to provide to you an exclusive interview.



Blackjack Mulligan is no longer the Big Machine, he is his old, wild and crazy self again.



## Records

by WRESTLERS

Over the years, wrestlers have recorded their views on records... Here are some of them...

'Pencil Neck Geek'
by Fred Blassie
'Boo On Me'
by Larry Zbyszko
'I'm the Body' by Jesse Ventura
'I'm in Love With Me' by Adrian Street
'I am so proud of what I see'
by Sweet Daddy Siki

The Honkytonk Man has rejected the fans and taken on Jimmy Hart as his manager.

(Ivan Koloff interview continued)

biggest prize of all.

WR: What does the future hold for the US tag team champions?

IK: They are going to be represented by myself and Krusher Krushchev. And we'll defend against anyone who wants to sign contract, any place in the world... free world that is. Communist block, there is no wrestling as far as professional goes, it's only amateur.

WR: How do you feel about the Warriors as challengers?

IK: (Chuckle) That is the toughest combination ever that we've had in any situation. I think anybody can say this. As tag team, they are not the tag team champions right now but that's only because they are not interested in defending any belts. They just like going out and beating people up.

WR: Speaking for your nephew Nikita, this past summer he was involved in a bloody feud with Magnum TA but TA is no longer capable of wrestling and he was the number one contender. Who do you feel, and who does Nikita feel are the number one contenders?

IK: Well, I think probally people like, there are so many right now, of course Road Warriors, if they ever went against him in singles' match, the Rock'n'Roll Express- they are so fast. I can name a dozen of them, but it is a very hard category.

WR: Obviously, Nikita's main priority is to defend the US title- do you ever expect to regain the six-man title with Nikita holding the US title?

IK: Right now, our primary concern is to keep the US tag team title and US singles title.

WR: How about the future of Nikita? Since you have had so much success in other federations, do you think Nikita should branch out to improve his experience?

IK: You see, I go strictly by what my country wants me to do. They lay out for me, as far as objectives, that I go after. I want the country to be satisfied first of all, we are here to serve our country in this pro sport.

WR: But if it was up to you, would you make him move on.

IK: Not right at this time. He's only been wrestling for two and a half years and where he is now, he is doing great, so it is better for him to get more and more experience.

WR: So you feel the NWA is the hotbed for wrestling at the moment?

IK: As much as any other place. I understand World Wide Wrestling Federaion (WWF) right now is very big also. I have wrestled there on many occassion, I think five different times.

WR: You held the belt.

IK: Yes, I beat Sammartino in '71 for it. But right now he got more things to conquer in NWA before he goes anyplace anyway. Maybe in the elite of all titles, getting a world title, would be a main objective and then from there, it would be to hold onto it. But I think the competition in NWA is as great, or greater than any other place.

WR: We wish you good luck tonight.

IK: You boys aren't so bad, we call you comrades now.

Jake 'the Snake' Robert's father Grizzly Smith was also a wrestler!

The four stars that children would most like to be in the United States of America are:

1. Walter Payton, Chicago Bears
2. David Lee Roth, singer
3. Hulk Hogan, WWF champion
4. Ronald Reagan, president

## Did you know that...

Honkytonk Man's real name is Wayne Farris and before coming to the WWF he competed in Stampede Wrestling in the Prairies!

Bam Bam Bigelow, the wrestler recently featured in Sports Illustrated, has moved to World Class wrestling and changed his name to Crusher Yurkov!

## EDITORIAL

For the month of December 1986.
by Serge Solski

'Best Actor: Danny Davis'

Only the WWF could (or would) stir up controvery about a referee on its TV shows. Danny Davis, the ref in question, has caused outrage by being biased to 'bad guys'. This scam, in my opinion, has McMahon Jr written all over it- and it makes me sick! His bad decisions have enabled Savage to keep his I-C belt against Rick Steamboat and Billy Jack Haynes. The WWF could really spark some controvery by letting Davis referee a Hogan title match. This would really catch my attention! A referee should remain professional, and not step out with purposefully biased decisions. Boo on Danny Davis!

## WF Notes...

Newcomers to the WWF:

The Can-Am Connection, former two-time WWF tag team champ and AWA World champ Rick Martel teaming with Tom Zenk.

Outback Jack- all we know is that he's Australian, and that Jesse calls him 'Outhouse Jack'

In other news: The Honkytonk Man has reverted to the style of that won him the Stampede wrestling title in Calgary- bad... He is now being managed by Jimmy Hart.

Matilda, the British Bulldog's bulldog, has taken over where Lou Albano left off- he broke Slick's arm!

## AWA NEWS

Jimmy 'Superfly' Snuka will be out of action for about 4 weeks after Colonel DeBeers pushed him from the top rope to the floor, and then front-piledrived him to the floor...

Leon 'the Baby Bull' White became the first American in history to win the European World Cup in Austria with a win over former AWA champion, Otto Wanz... After a recent tag team match against the Sheik's Army, Curt Hennig turned on his partner Greg Gagne and left him lying on the mat. It seems that Hennig has something personal against Gagne, as he is still friends with other AWA 'good guys.'

## NWA Happenings...

The NWA has merged its National title with the US Title, and renamed the National tag team titles, the US Tag Team titles. The champions are, respectively, Nikita Koloff, and Ivan Koloff & Krusher Krushchev. These US tag team champs are not to confused with the Sheepherders, US tag team champs as recognized in Florida... Ron Bass regained and then lost the Florida belt to Barry Windham... Ole & Arn Anderson teamed to break Robert Gibson's ribs. Gibson is, of course, one half of the Rock'n' Roll Express, NWA tag team champs.

## International Wrestling

'Dr.D' David Schultz is the new Canadian International champion, having defeated the Great Samu. He is feuding with Steve Strong.

Hercules Ayala and Sweet Daddy Siki recently attacked Jos LeDuc with a crutch, re-igniting their feud for WWC wrestling...

Dan Kroffat has begun to team reguarily with Bull Johnson...

The Italian Connection, Gino Brito Sr. & Tony Parisi have been regaining some of their old fire that led them to the WWF tag team titles. The legendary duo have received numerous title shots against Canadian International tag team champions, Shiek Ali & Richard Charland.

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## Rasslin' Results

Pro Wrestling Canada
November 23, 1986
Kitchener Auditorium
Reporter- Chris Oliver

Road Warrior Animal & Paul Ellering beat Ivan Koloff & Krusher Krushchev by DQ
Nikita Koloff beat Wahoo McDaniel
David Schultz beat Bull Johnson
Jimmy Valiant beat the Hangman
Tony Parisi & Gino Brito beat Gilles 'the Fish' Poisson' & the Destroyer
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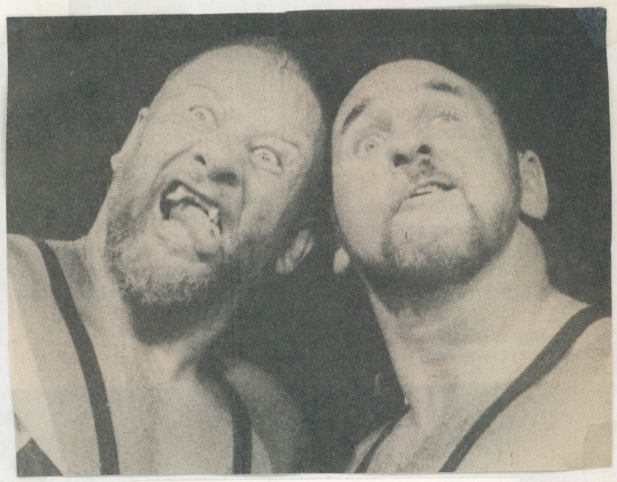
Joey War Eagle beat Public Enemy no.1

Next issue: Look for an interview with Road Warrior Animal.



The Sheepherders, l to r, Crazy Luke Williams and Wild Butch Miller.

## The life and times of Ted DiBiase (and his loaded glove)

Ted DiBiase is a strange one. Today, loved in the UWF, yesterday, hated around the world. But as the saying goes, you can't argue with success, and DiBiase is success, with or without controvery. He has held the North American title in the WWF (now Intercontinental), the North American title in the UWF, Missouri title twice, National, National tag team, Mid-South tag team four times and other titles around the world. DiBiase started as a 'good guy', turned bad and then good again. As a main stay of the UWF, DiBiase and his partner Steve Williams, are feuding with the Fabulous Freebirds.

Birthdays in January:
January 1: Candi Divine
January 10: Shaska Whatley
January 12: B.Brian Blair
January 14: Hacksaw Duggan
January 19: Ted DiBiase
January 21: Ivan Putski
January 22: Tully Blanchard
January 23: Lelani Kai
January 28: Jesse Barr (JJ Funk)

Ted DiBiase (left) with his partner, Steve 'Dr.Death' Williams. Notice the controversial glove on DiBiase's hand.

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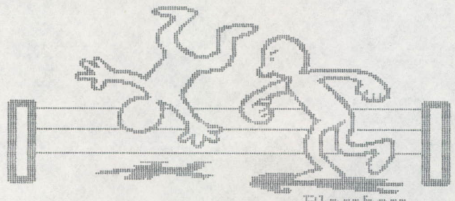


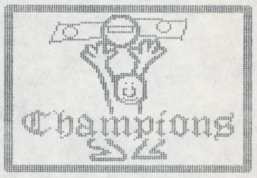
## Wrestling Quotes

Playboy Buddy Rose- 'If sex were an Olympic sport, I would receive a gold medal.'

Roddy Piper- 'I was rowdy before rowdy was cool.'

Little Toyko- 'I'm champion. I have belt. I'm number one... Right?'

Classy Freddie Blassie- 'It's gonna be real hard times for all of these grit eatin', scum suckin', boot lickin', dropkickin', nut grindin', nail bitin', glue sniffin', scab pickin', butt scratchin', egg hatchin', sleazy, smelly, pepper-bellied, dirty, lousy, rotten stinkin' freaks. Nothing but a pencil neck geek!'




## Nikita Koloff 275 lbs.

Moscow, Russia

The US champion is currently a Russian, but a Russian who is appreciated by the fans! After Magnum T.A.'s tragic car accident, Nikita Koloff began wrestling in Magnum's name. Nikita claims he has tremendous amounts of respect for his greatest opponent- Magnum TA. He is trying to fill the void left by Magnum in the NWA. Nikita Koloff is now one of the most popular men in the NWA and has come to the aid of his former enemy Dusty Rhodes. His change has made Ivan Koloff break all relations with Nikita.

## British Bulldog(s) The End Of A Reign.

At this moment, the British Bulldogs are still WWF tag team champions- but in all likelyhood, they won't be in January. On December 13 in Hamilton, the Dynamite Kid suffered a potentially career ending injury. He suffered severe disc and nerve damage during their match against Bob Orton and Don Muraco. He successfully went through surgery Dec 23 and is in stable condition in a Calgary hospital. What will happen now? Will the WWF allow Davey Boy Smith to find a new partner and continue as champion? It is unlikey. There will probally be a tournament, to determine the new champions. The WWF has so many quality teams, it would be a big money maker and a spectacular show.

## Interviewing Road Warrior Animal

At a recent match, reporter Serge Solski caught up with Animal to ask him a few questions...

WR: Speaking as one half of the Road Warriors, since the Rock 'n' Roll Express won the belts, and you don't seem to be making a serious run for the belts, what are your future goals?

RWA: Anybody knows, that watches wrestling, we face anybody and everybody. We don't care who it is, whether they got titles or not. They screw around with us in any way, we're gonna get'em back. For four years we've been in wrestling we've gone and done what we said we were gonna do.

WR: How about moving to other areas like the UWF, World Class or the WWF?

RWA: The Road Warriors make their own rules, we wrestle who we want to wrestle. We just wrestle the top challengers in any and every area, so it doesn't matter. We left the AWA because there was no competition. We stayed in the AWA until the competition was too easy, then we moved on to something else. The NWA is the best that wrestling has to offer.

WR: I agree. Moneywise, would you consider going to the WWF? They pay big bucks to get stars like you and we know you'd really kick butt there. Would you ever consider doing that

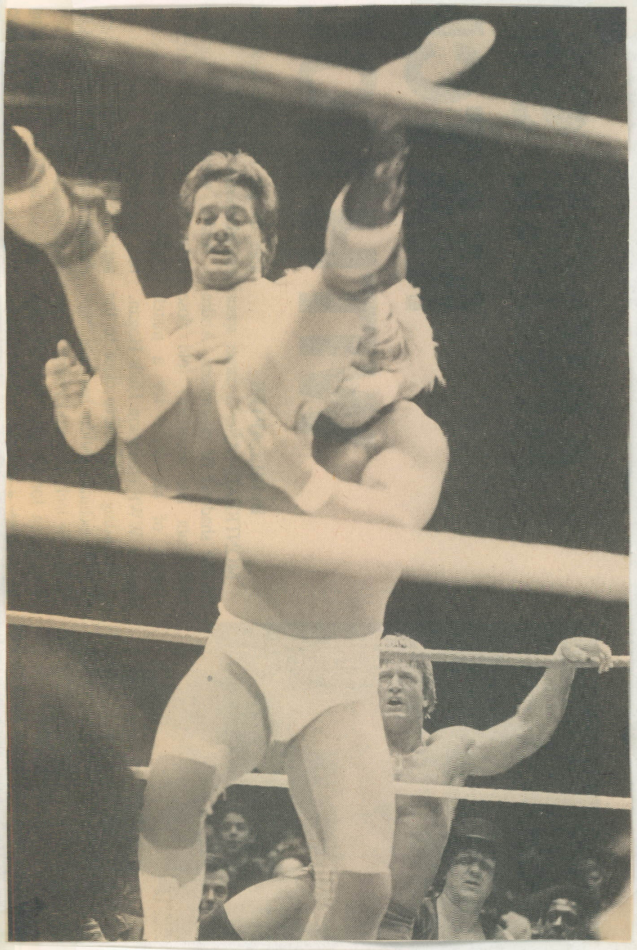
WrestleMania 2
March 29, 1987

# Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

Hartford Civic Centre
January 3, 1986
Hulk Hogan beat Paul Orndorff in a steel cage
Adrian Adonis beat Roddy Piper by countout
Blackjack Mulligan beat JJ Funk
Randy Savage beat George Steele
Junkyard Dog beat Harley Race by disqualification

George 'the Animal' Steele literally stole Elizabeth from Randy Savage on the latest Saturday Night's Main Event.

It seems that Roddy Piper has put aside his world title aspirations to feud with Adorable Adrian Adonis.



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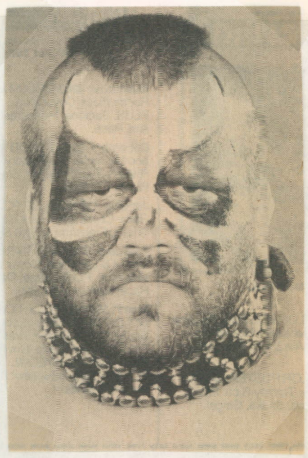

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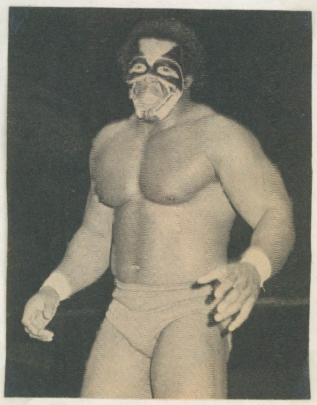

Hulk Hogan is not the only man to don warpaint to combat the savage Kamala... a few years back, Butch Reed did also.

## EDITORIAL

For the month of January 1987
by: Greg Oliver

Do you ever get nervous talking to people you don't know? I sure do. Now imagine talking to a hated Russian, a Road Warrior, or a former football player at least twice your size. These are some of the people we talked to at the Pro Wrestling Canada card on November 23rd in Kitchener. I'd like to thank Angelo Mosca (the BIG football player) and Milt Avruskin of Pro Wrestling Canada for helping us get exclusive interviews for our readers. Their class in helping us out shines through whereas the WWF wouldn't even talk to us. The same goes for the wrestlers. The WWF's wouldn't even sign autographs! The WWF has the talent, the money, and the TV, but the federation has little public relations. Hooray for PWC!

(Road Warrior Animal Interview continued...)

if you ever went down to the point of having financial problems?
RWA: I don't think in the history of wrestling, the Road Warriors are ever going to be financially troubled.
WR: After the Crockett Cup!
RWA: The WWF pays a lot of money, but you've got to understand the Road Warriors are the biggest attraction in professional wrestling today, and since we started four years ago. And we're a futuristic item in wrestling and we're never gonna die out. We pretty well dictate how much money we want, and who we want to wrestle. So money is no problem.
WR: About Flair, how do you plan to get rid of that "bleached pansy" and the Four Horsemen from interfering in your matches?
RWA: Well, Flair's a baby. Flair's a spoiled little momma's boy that don't know what real fighting is. If anybody saw in Philadelphia or Cincinati, Ohio when Hawk and myself wrestled him in a single's match- we kicked his ass all over the ring. Flair knows he can't win. The Four Horsemen, four on one, Hawk and I against the Four Horsemen, we'd kick all their asses by ourselves. They can throw in JJ Dillon to make it five on two- we'll kick their ass. We'll have to even it up front man. Well, you know, hey, you can only fight off four guys for so long.
WR: Have you changed since the days of the 'Bloody Axe Wars' when you fought Larry and Curt Hennig?
RWA: No.
WR: People were talking that you you had lost your killer instinct.
RWA: Is that right? (sarcastically) Well, we've still never been beaten. The Hennigs were nothing. We beat the Koloffs which were the best tag team in the business. They thought they were the best, so we beat them. We beat Flair, Tully Blanchard, we beat everyone in wrestling. There's really nobody in wrestling that we haven't beaten.
WR: How long do you expect the Legion of Doom to survive and would you really consider taking in new members?
RWA: Well, in order to become a member of the Legion of Doom, you've got to BEAT the Legion of Doom. Nobody can do it. The Legion of Doom will survive as long as we want to survive.
survive.
WR: There are no internal troubles between you and Hawk.
RWA: No, Hawk and I have known each other since we were kids.
WR: Thank you, and we'd like to wish you good luck tonight.
RWA: Thanks.

## International Wrestling

The Canadian title has been held up following a match between former champ David Schultz and Hercules Ayala. During the match, Ayala's manager Eddie Creetchman pulled Schultz's leg and Ayala pinned him. Former wrestler Leo Burke then came in, told the ref what happened and the belt was held up. Burke is scheduled to referee the rematch...

## NWA Happenings...

Starrcade 86 went down on the 27th of November. The feature match had NWA World champion Ric Flair against US champion Nikita Koloff. In other action, the Road Warriors took on the Midnight Express in a scaffold match, and the Rock'n'Roll Express defended their NWA tag team belts against the Andersons...
Barry Windham is planning to leave Florida to wrestle in the World Championship area... One Man Gang is the new UWF champ after Terry Gordy forfeited his match for being unable to wrestle...

## HOT ROD!

### Rowdy Roddy Piper

231 pounds Glasgow, Scotland

Where has the arrogant smirk that I had grown to love gone to? Why are the fans cheering every outragous word he speaks? What has Piper done to merit this treatment?
Yes, this is the new Rowdy Roddy Piper. For most of his career, Piper was hated- mostly for being loud-mouthed, insulting, obnoxious and for beating up on fan favorites. But being loved is nothing new for him. Piper was a tremendous fan favorite when he feuded with Greg Valentine over the US title in 1983. They loved him in the Pacific Northwest and in the World Championship area- he became a favorite after defending announcer Gordon Solie from Magnificent Muraco & Ole Anderson.
Rowdy Roddy is as volatile as gasoline. He may seem calm and collective at one moment, but if somethings annoys him in any way, he will explode into a fiery rage, destroying all in his path. Piper has feuded over the US title with Valentine, Ric Flair and Rick Steamboat, with Hulk Hogan over the WWF belt, and with men like

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| Don Muraco | Masked Superstar |
| Ole Anderson | Bruno Sammartino |
| Jimmy Snuka | Andre the Giant |
| Tonga Kid | Junkyard Dog |
| Mr.T | Playboy Buddy Rose |
| Paul Orndorff | Dick Slater |
| Jerry Lawler | Sir Oliver Humperdink |

over 'minor' differences.
Most of these feuds were provoked by Piper with the use of TV. Piper was an announcer in Georgia and the Mid-Atlantic, and he is the host of his own TV segment called Piper's Pit on WWF brodcasts. Using his show, Piper rubbed a banana in Jimmy Snuka's face, called Bruno Sammartino a 'WOP', hit numerous guests with chairs and much, much more...
But now, Piper insults rulebreakers in the place that it hurts the most- their egos. He is feuding with Adrian Adonis, Paul Orndorff, Magnificent Muraco and his former best friend- Cowboy Bob Orton. (No matter what Orton says, their friendship stems way back to a least 1981, including the time they were both arrested for indecent exposure).
Whatever the future holds, Piper will be remembered as a fighter always went out of his way to prove his point.

## WF Notes...

British Bulldog Dynamite Kid is in the hospital and will be unable to wrestle for at least six months. What will happen to the tag team championship now?
Jake 'the Snake' Roberts may be the best thing to happen to the WWF in years. This rulebreakers has broken the mold by challenging other rulebreakers to matches. His opponents have included Randy Savage and King Kong Bundy!
Rick Steamboat is back from his injury at the hands of I-C champ Randy Savage...
Tony Atlas has left the WWF...

## AWA NEWS

Curt Hennig's new found aggressiveness was recently awarded with a title shot against Nick Bockwinkel. It was a tremendous scientific bout featuring hundreds of holds. With four minutes left in the 60 minute bout, Hennig tied Bockwinkel up in the figure four. Couragously, Bockwinkel held on to end the match in a 60 minute draw.
Larry Zbyszko has found another Ninja to cover his back. This one's name is Super Ninja... The Russians, Gordyenko & Alexis Smirnoff, continue to impress against lesser competition... Ken Timbs has been walking away from many matches...

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## Rassin' Results

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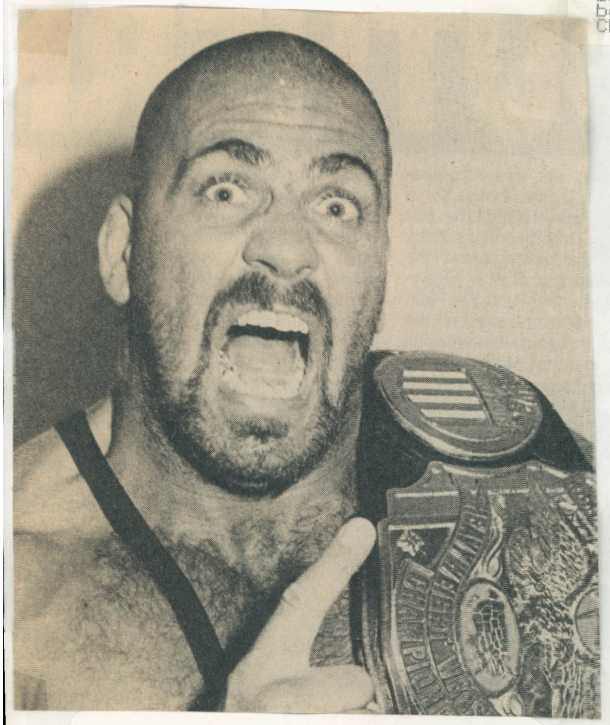
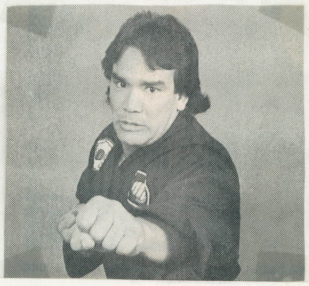
WWF Toronto December 28, 1986
Kamala beat Hulk Hogan by countout... Hart Foundation beat the Rougeaus... Blackjack Mulligan beat Nikolai Volkoff... Hercules beat Cpl. Kirchner... Dick Slater beat Sika by DQ.. Iron Shiek beat SD Jones. Dino Bravo beat Tony Garea... Lanny Poffo beat JJ Funk... Moondog Spot beat Tiger Chung Lee... Pedro Morales beat Red Demon



The current US champion Nikita Koloff is now a fan favorite.

'Dr.D' David Schultz has had his Canadian title held up.

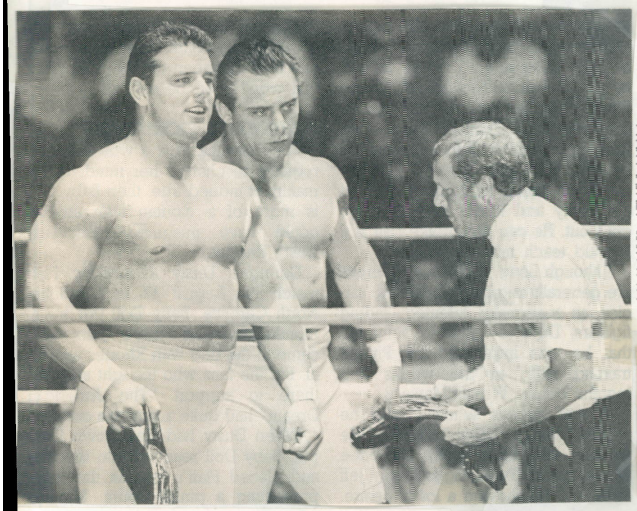


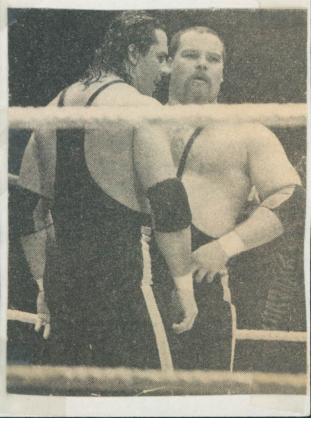
Rick Steamboat is back and is hot on the trail of Inter-continental champion, Randy 'Macho Man' Savage.

## Top 12 WWF Tag Teams

Our rankings of the top 12 tag teams in the hunt for the British Bulldog's (soon to be vacated) title.

1. Hart Foundation- Neidhart & Hart
2. Killer Bees- B.Brian Blair & Jim Brunzell
3. Jacques & Raymond Rougeau
4. Iron Shiek & Nikolai Volkoff
5. Greg Valentine & Brutus Beefcake
6. Can-Am Connection- Martel & Zenk
7. Cowboy Bob Orton & Magnificent Muraco
8. The Islanders- Haku & Tama
9. Junkyard Dog & George Steele
10. US Express- Rotundo & Spivey
11. Tito Santana & Pedro Morales
12. The Moondogs- Spot & Rex





The British Bulldogs, soon to be ex-WWF champions after the Dynamite Kid ended up in the hospital following a match with Bob Orton & Don Muraco.

Next Issue... an interview with Canadian legend Gino Brito Sr.!

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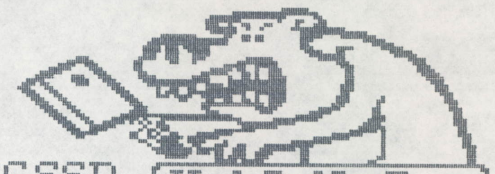

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## Rating the Superstars

Champions
NWA- Ric Flair
AWA- Nick Bockwinkel
WWF- Hulk Hogan
UWF- One Man Gang
Cdn- Hercules Ayala

WWF Champion:
Hulk Hogan
Top Ten:
1. Randy Savage
2. R.Steamboat
3. Roddy Piper
4. Jake Roberts
5. P.Orndorff
6. Hercules
7. Kamala
8. BJ Haynes
9. KK Bundy
10. Butch Reed

WWF- Tag Teams
Davey Boy Smith & Dynamite Kid
Jim Neidhart & Brett Hart
B. Brian Blair & Jim Brunzell
Rick Martel & Tom Zenk
Magnificent Muraco & Bob Orton

AWA- Tag Teams
Playboy Buddy Rose & Doug Somers
Shawn Michaels & Marty Jannetty
Alexis Smirnoff & Gordynko
Boris Zukhov & Ali Khan
Greg Gagne & Superfly Snuka

NWA Champion:
Ric Flair
Top Ten:
Nikita Koloff
Dusty Rhodes
Lex Lugar
Tully Blanchard
Ronnie Garvin
Barry Windham
Arn Anderson
Sam Houston
Brad Armstrong
Ron Simmons

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Col. DeBeers
Curt Hennig
Boris Zukhov
Jimmy Snuka
Greg Gagne
Silo Sam
Johnny Rich
Earthquake Ferris
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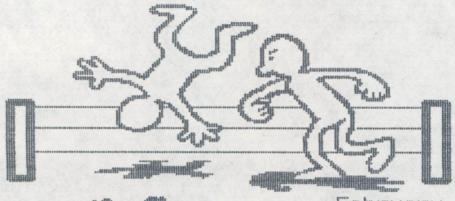

MOSCA MANIA II

February 15th, 1987, the stars of the NWA will once again bombard Hamilton's Copps Colesium at 2:00 pm. On the card:
Ric Flair vs. Nikita Koloff for NWA Title
Tully Blanchard vs. Dusty Rhodes for NWA TV Title and $10,000
Rick Rude & Manny Fernandez vs. Rock 'n' Roll Express for NWA Tag team title
Barry Windham & Ronnie Garvin vs. Midnight Express for US Tag team title
Arn Anderson vs. Baron Von Raschke
Lex Lugar vs. Brad Armstrong
Shaska Whatley vs. Bob Armstrong
plus two other matches!

## Tully Blanchard

235 pounds
San Antonio, Texas

Tully Blanchard won his NWA TV Title at Starrcade '86 under what could be called questionable circumstances. He was facing then champ Dusty Rhodes in a 'First Blood' match- the opponent who bled first would be the loser. Blanchard was the first to bleed but the referee was out cold. He then pulled out a roll of coins, belted Dusty, cleaned his forehead and was declared the winner. Tully Blanchard is true championship material- and it's hard to ever find him without one.

RAVISHING RICK RUDE + RAGIN' BULL MANNY FERNANDEZ
New NWA Tag Team Champions

The Rock 'n' Roll Express now know what kind of team money can bring together. 'No.1' Paul Jones opened his pocketbook, and 'Ravishing' Rick Rude and 'Ragin Bull' Manny Fernandez jumped right in. The potential was obvious, the results devastating, and the new kings of the NWA tag team scene were crowned. Manny Fernandez is a former football player and Vietnam veteran. Rick Rude was the first World Class world champion. At Mosca Mania 2, Ragin Bull and Ravishing Rick are taking on former champions, the Rock'n'Roll Express with the titles on the line.

## ARMAGEDDON MARCH 29, 1987

by: Serge Solski

THE END OF THE WORLD IS NEAR. LIFE AS WE KNOW IT WILL CEASE TO EXIST AS OF WRESTLE MANIA 3. Why? We shall explain. In the past few months, feuds have developped, controversies brewed. But on March 29, 1987, all the events will meet in a cataclysmic explosion of glitz and sweat. This is WrestleMania 3.

The 'King of Wrestling' will be decided between Junkyard Dog and Harley Race. Roddy Piper and Adrian Adonis will settle things in a violent manner. Actor-referee Danny Davis will be the deciding factor in the Bulldog's loss of their titles- to the Hart Foundation. And in the semi-main event, Randy Savage will be unable to overcome the fury of Rick Steamboat and will drop his Intercontinental title after holding it for more than a year.

And, in the main event, the Incredible Hulk Hogan will meet the Giant Andre with the WWF title on the line. As we ponder this thought, memories fill our heads... it was only a few years back when the old Andre battered a rookie Hogan all around the world. A certain match comes to mind, at the Maple Leaf Gardens... March 29, 1981 - six years ago to the date of WrestleMania 3 Coincidence? Or perhaps the downfall of the current WWF World Champion.

WrestleMania 3 may not have the fairy tale ending of the preceeding spectacles, but it will remain in the minds of millions... the date Hulk Hogan's reign ended.

WRESTLEMANIA 3
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Peterborough, Ont.

# EDITORIAL

For the month of February 1987
by: Greg Oliver

People talk about Hulk Hogan's lack of wrestling skills. They say he's not qualified to hold a world title. They say he's a brawler. But there's one thing people rarely talk about, the incredible Hulk Hogan's charisma.

I was one of the frantic mass of 19,000+ crammed into the little Maple Leaf Gardens to see the Hulkster against Kamala in a steel cage. Myself, like many others, went looking and hoping for the upset. And then it happened.

'Real American' roared over the sound system. The crowd erupted. We were all swept up in the frenzy, myself included.

Others I have talked to feel the same way. No matter how hard you try, you cannot cheer against Hulk Hogan.

## Interviewing Gino Brito Sr.

Of the legendary Italian Connection

Gino Brito Sr and Tony 'Cannonball' Parisi make up the famous 'Italian Connection.'

WR: The Italian Connection is back! What are your future goals in International Wrestling?

GB: Well, right now, Tony Parisi and I are back together for a while and we're hoping that uh, you know, it all depends on how well we do. If we do pretty good... you know, we've been away from it for a while but I think we can work ourselves up to a championship match, we would like that. If not, you know we'll religate the ring to somebody else, maybe another generation. But I feel we still have one or two good years left in us. We can go in there and probably capture the International tag team belts or whatever, NWA belts. We want to go down south, we want to go east, we want to go west, we want to cover the whole territory. We want to get those belts.

WR: Do you think you could beat Shiek Ali and Richard Charland, the International tag team champions?

> But I feel we still have a year or two good years left in us. We can go in there and probally capture the International tag team belts, or whatever.

GB: I believe we can. As a matter of fact, we already had a match with them in Thunder Bay, Ontario and we came about that close, so close to beating those guys and I think we got a few things down because the timing's a little off. Let's face it, I was a little wild, you know wrestling in the gym and wrestling in the ring is different. But we'll get into it. Give me another 10-20 matches to get into it and then bring on Ali and Charland.

WR: Gino, this must have meant a lot to you coming out of retirement to rejoin with Tony. Are you glad you and Tony are back together again?

GB: Yes, I did it for a reason. I did it for my son (Gino Brito Jr.) because I figured I had to give him that push, that confidence. I want to do matches with Tony. Maybe a few matches also with my son to get him going again. I know it's not going to last forever. You get to a certain age and the aches and pains you feel a little bit more. But I've wrestled pretty good for a year. I've been working out steady. I've been in that gym four, five days a week. I figure I'm ready to go for a little bit longer.

> I know it's not going to last forever. You get to a certain age and the aches and pains you feel a little bit more.

WR: How long do you plan to keep the Italian Connection together this time?

GB: At the most, a year. Because after that, you know, I've got my sight on other things. I've got other business to take care of. I took a sabatical from the other business just to get into wrestling again... to put everything I got into it for a year. That'll be it after.

WR: Good luck in the revival of the Italian Connection.

GB: Thank you guys, and keep up the good work.

The only night of 1987 that the WWF did not promote a card in North America was January 25- the Super Bowl!

The Dynamite Kid's real name is Tom Billington!

'Gentleman' Chris Adams is in jail for 3 months after assaulting an airline pilot!

## Did you know that...

Hostess Potato Chips will be including WWF stickers in their packages along WWF merchandise order forms from the middle of February to early April.

Jim 'the Anvil' Neidhart was released on a $10,000 bond after hitting a flight attendant 4 or 5 times for refusing to serve him!

## NWA Happenings...

Ravishing Rick Rude and Ragin' Bull Manny Fernandez are the new NWA tag team champions, having defeated the Rock'n'Roll Express... Barry Windham & Ronnie Garvin are the new US tag team champs after beating Ivan Koloff & Krusher Krushchev... Tully Blanchard beat Dusty Rhodes for the NWA TV title... Former football star Ron Simmons beat Kareem Muhammed for the Florida title... Kevin Sullivan beat Lex Lugar for the Southern title. Lugar then joined Jim Crockett's NWA World Championship wrestling.

## International Wrestling

Hercules Ayala is the new Canadian International champion... The tag team title is vacant as Shiek Ali failed to show for a match against Steve Strong... Bruiser Brody was brought in by the Creetchmans to take care of Abdullah the Butcher. The arena roared when Abdullah came in to the sounds of 'Eye of the Tiger.' The match was incredibly violent, ending in disqualification when Bruiser Brody began pummeling the Butcher with his boot... Steve Strong has left the Creetchman stable following insults and humiliation on Creetchman's Corner tv segment regarding his broken leg. Strong wants revenge and recently teamed with Abdullah the Butcher to take on Hercules Ayala and Bruiser Brody... Dangerous Dan Kroffat has been teaming reguarily with Armand Rougeau...

## AWA NEWS

Scott Hall has left the AWA to compete in either the UWF or WWF areas. His reasons are lack of competition in the stagnating AWA... Johnny Rich, along with his leg in a cast, was viciously attacked by Gordyenko and Alexis Smirnoff. He was then called 'you American boy, you' by the Russians. (Quite an insult). Rich should be wrestling again soon... The Barbarian has retired from wrestling to sell used cars (it's true!)... Ray 'the Crippler' Stevens has been coming out of retirement to wrestle on occassional AWA cards along the west coast. He is an AWA promoter in the San Francisco Area.

## WWF Notes...

Newcomers to the WWF:
Cowboy Ron Bass, former Florida champion and now after the hide of Blackjack Mulligan.
Demolition- Axe & Smash- Johnny V's new tag team comprised of hair paint, little physique and violence.

Gone AWOL from the WWF:
George Wells is in the WCWA and is called Master Gee.
Tony Atlas, the new WCWA TV Champ.

Superstar Billy Graham has been in the hospital for the last few months.

Roddy Piper is thinking about retiring from active wrestling after WrestleMania3.

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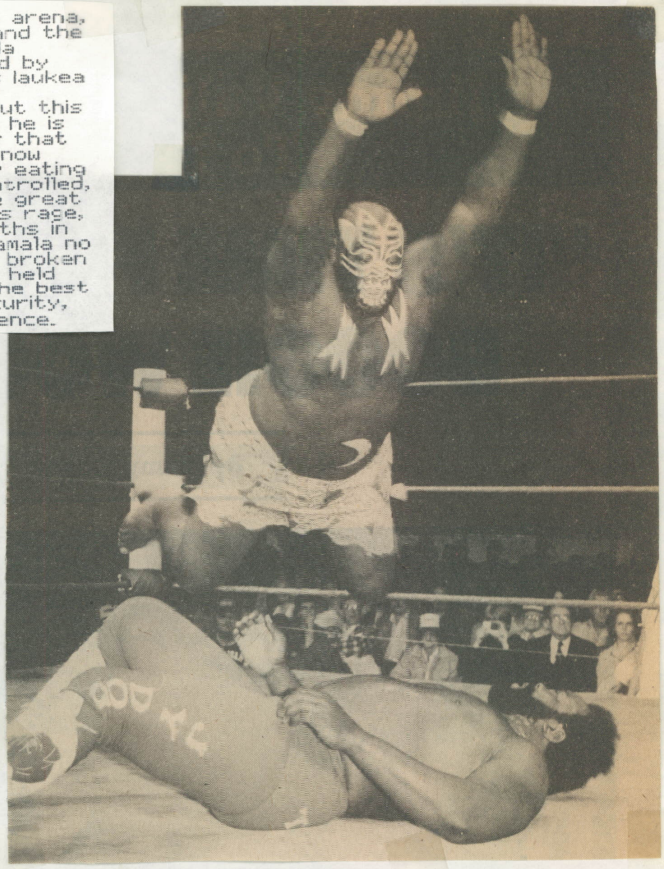
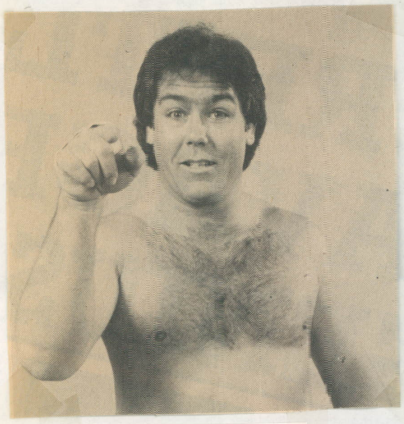
## KAMALA
### THE UGANDAN HEADHUNTER

Jungle sounds fill the arena, a war cry goes out, and the Ugandan Warrior Kamala stalks his prey. Guided by the Wizard King Curtis Iaukea and Kimchi, Kamala has terrorized the WWF. But this is a different Kamala, he is not the same monster that reeked havoc on the now cancelled TNT show by eating a chicken whole. He seems more controlled, more single-minded. Hulk Hogan, 'the great white Bengal tiger' has felt Kamala's rage, and lost to him in consecutive months in Toronto. One can be happy that Kamala no longer hungers for blood, but for broken bones. In the past, Kamala has not held many titles, but he has wrestled the best in the world. After a year of obscurity, he is back in the WWF- with a vengence.





Tully Blanchard, NWA TV Champion

Birthdays in March:
March 2: Mike Von Erich
March 9: Nikita Koloff
March 15: Iron Shiek
March 18: Rick Martel
March 21: Buck Zumhofe
March 28: Curt Hennig
March 30: S.D. Jones
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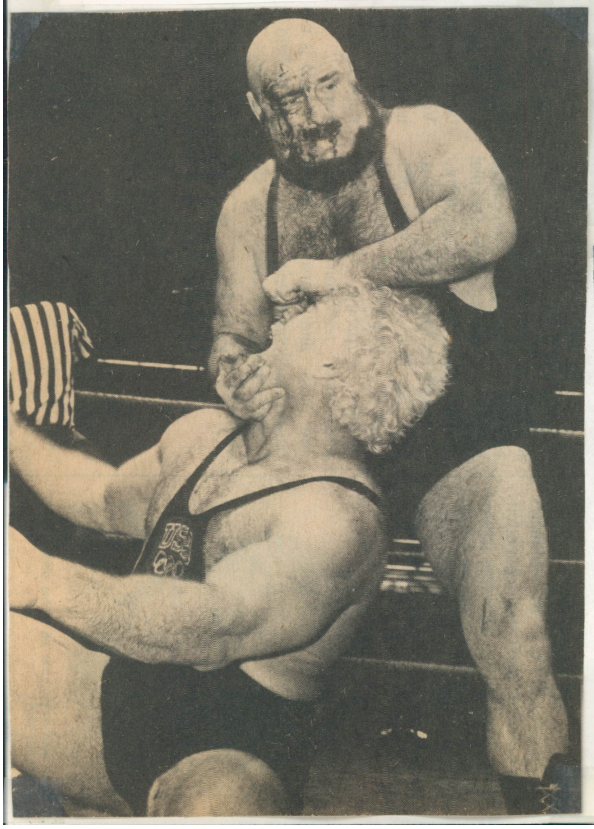
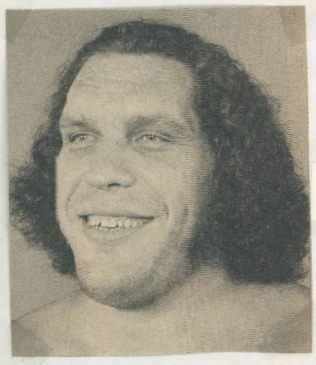
Mad Dog Vachon nutilates Ken Patera.





'Andre the Giant, Hulk Hogan's best friend.'

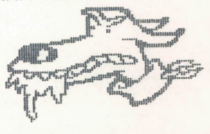
## the Legends

## Mad Dog Vachon

Now retired at the age of 57, 'Mad Dog' Maurice Vachon has a lot to thank God for.

At the age of 13, Maurice quit school and began working on the docks of Montreal. Even at that age, he was in many fights. In 1948, Maurice wrestled for Canada in the Olympics and then two years later in the Empire Games where he won a gold medal.

It was then he turned pro, earning the name 'Mad Dog' for his cruel, rule-breaking tendancies. Among numerous titles, the most prestigious is the AWA World title which he wore 3 times around his 225 pound frame. Mad Dog Vachon has wrestled almost every legend you can name.



He is also a hero throughout Quebec. His bald head has graced many a magazine, a choclate bar commercial and numerous beer commercials. He has had 3 wives and 6 children. His brother Paul 'the Butcher' still wrestles periodically and his sister Vivian is still going strong.

Mad Dog Maurice Vachon has done pretty well for 4 decades of pro wrestling...

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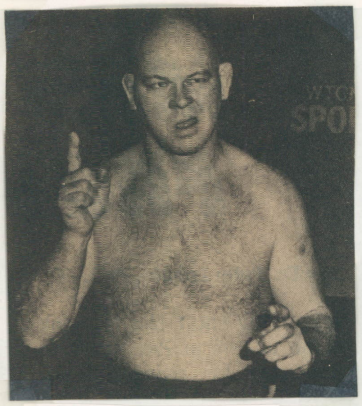
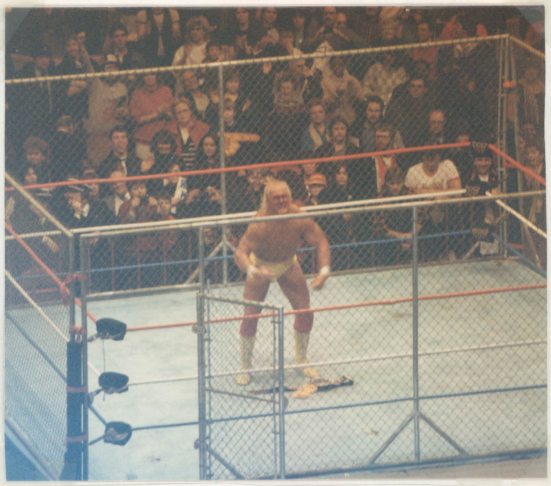
## Rasslin' Results

WWF Maple Leaf Gardens
January 12, 1987
reporter: Alain
Hulk Hogan beat Kamala in a steel cage match
Junkyard Dog & Davey Boy Smith beat the Hart Foundation... Jake Roberts vs. King Kong Bundy ended in a double countout... Koko.B.Ware drew with Magnificent Muraco... George Steele beat Honktonk Man by DQ... Valentine & Beefcake beat US Express... Jose Luis Rivera beat Terry Gibbs... Dino Bravo beat Scott McGee... Paul Roma beat Barry O



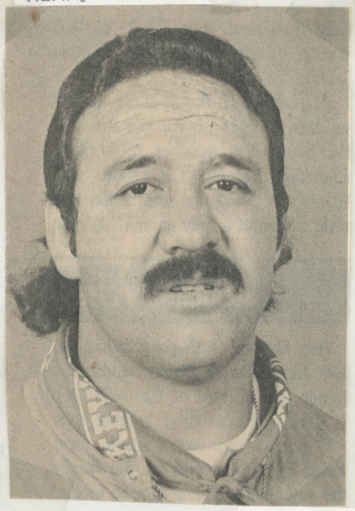
Baron Von Raschke has left Paul Jones and is a 'good guy' again.



The Hulkster following his victory over Kamala at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Thanks go to promoter/wrestler Gino Brito Sr. for providing us with an exclusive interview.

'Ragin Bull'
Manny Fernandez



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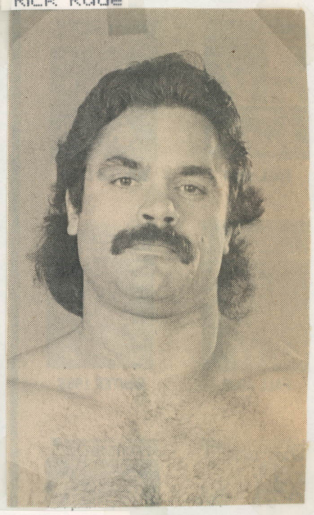
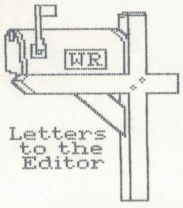


NWA World
Tag Team Champions

Captain Lou Albano has been keeping busy. He was on the new Hollywood Squares for a week and was on hand at the Meadowlands in New Jersey to welcome home the Super Bowl Champion New York Giants.




## Letters to the Editor

Wrestling Report,
In my opinion, Hulk Hogan should get a partner and go for the tag team belts because he's not going to be world champion much longer. He is getting older by the minute and his fan popularity is dying down. His career is dependant on the pocketbooks of the parents of ten year olds. If there ever was a wrestler who was over promoted, it would have to be Hulk Hogan. Anything that has anything to do with wrestling has his picture on it and I'm getting pretty sick of it! Mr. Hogan should get a job advertising Sports Illustrated, or maybe McDonalds!
David McQuillin Kitchener, Ontario

## COMING SOON!

(As in next issue!)

-The complete low-down on MoscaMania including an interview with one of its top stars! (We're not going to tell!)
-The hype of WrestleMania 3

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Greg Gagne & Superfly Snuka

Notes- Andre the Giant does not make our WWF ratings because he has not wrestled lately... Dynamite Kid is still not 100%... Bill Dundee is Central States champion... Vladimir Petrov is a friend of Ivan Koloff's from Russian brought to deal with Nikita Koloff. He is rated in two different places.

## Champions

### Abdullah the Butcher

360 lbs. Sudan

Who ever thought that Abdullah the Butcher could win a respectable title? Well, it's happened, Abdullah the Butcher beat Hercules Ayala for the Canadian International title!

Abdullah asked for, and now has a match against his arch-rival Bruiser Brody on March 8 in Montreal, with his title on the line! The thought of either Brody or Abdullah holding the Canadian title sends shivers down the spines of even the greatest Canadian wrestling fans.

Madman wrestling at its best!

THE HART FOUNDATION
NEW WWF
TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS

Brett 'the Hitman' Hart & Jim 'the Anvil' Neidhart are the Hart Foundation, and now they are the champions. In Tampa, on the 26th of January, history was made. 'Special' referee Danny Davis watched over an injured Dynamite Kid while the Foundation double DDT'd and Hart Attacked Davey Boy Smith. The reign ended in a cloud a Danny Davis controversy.

Tough challenges will be presented by the Bulldogs, Killer Bees, Rougeaus and Can-Am Connection. Certainly the next few months will not be quiet, with Jimmy Hart and the Hart Foundation basking in their glory!

MIDNIGHT ROCKERS
AWA Tag Team Champs

### Finally!!

The Midnight Rockers, Shawn Michaels and Marty Jannetty have finally beaten Doug Somers & Buddy Rose for the AWA Tag Team title!

It had to happen... it was only a matter of time... and it did happen January 31st in St.Paul, Minnesota.

This change in champions (hopefully) will begin a resurgance in the AWA area. As the Road Warriors once did, when there is a good team representing your area, other teams will come to challenge them.

Unfortunately, the Rockers have been involved in a feud with Somers & Rose for too long, and it will likely continue.

Good luck to the Rockers and the AWA!

## WRESTLEMANIA 3

March 29, 1987 Pontiac Silverdome 4:00 pm
Hulk Hogan vs. Andre the Giant
Randy Savage vs. Rick Steamboat
Hart Foundation & Danny Davis vs.
British Bulldogs & Tito Santana
Roddy Piper vs. Adrian Adonis
Hercules vs. Billy Jack Haynes
Killer Bees vs. Iron Shiek & Nikolai Volkoff
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Baltimore, Maryland
April 10-11, 1987

Frank Tunney Memorial
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Toronto, Ontario
March 15, 1987

# EDITORIAL

For the month of March 1987
by: Greg Oliver

To try something new this month, we have initiated our first Fan Participation Tournament. Note the title - Fan Participation... We need your input! Tell us who you think would win our imaginary matches. With your help, this can be a lot of fun, and we could do it again. Maybe, we could have a tournament with all the Russians in wrestling, or all the Hulk Hogan look-a-likes or even with all the loud-mouthed wrestling managers!

In other news, WrestleMania 3 has arrived. In my opinion, the WWF made an excellent choice in its location for their mamoth event. I am also happy that they are not hyping the celebrities as much as last year. They have an excellent card planned, and they ARE promoting it.

## Demolition

Devastating New Tag Team? Not Quite.
by:Greg Oliver

The world stood in awe as Johnny Valiant brought his new tag team into the ring. The vests, the spikes, the masks...

And then they took them off, and the world began to laugh...

The original Demolition, Moondog Rex and Masked Superstar (Super Machine) did not look all that exciting... in fact they looked funny! But now, Moondog Rex's replacement has arrived, and he is Krusher Krushchev. Yes, the Russian. With a little more hair, and some paint, Krushchev has ventured into the money pastures of the WWF.

They still don't look awesome to me...

## WORLD CLASS

We will now begin coverage of the ever-growing World Class region.

KEVIN VON ERICH is World Class champion, and is looking great...

BOB BRADLEY won the tournament for the Texas title, and then proceeded to lose to the DINGO WARRIOR...

BRUISER BRODY, who lost a loser-leave-town match to ABDULLAH the BUTCHER is back in the area under a mask calling himself RED RIVER JACK... THE ROCKN'ROLL RPM'S are new in the area, as are the FANTASTICS... BAM BAM BIGELOW is no longer calling himself CRUSHER YURKOF... TONY ATLAS is still TV champ and AL MADRIL & BRIAN ADIAS are still tag team champs.

## WF Notes...

Newcomers to the WWF:

HACKSAW DUGGAN, a former North American champion, and BIG enemy of KAMALA.

KRUSHER KRUSHCHEV, former US tag team champ, now part of DEMOLITION.

In other news:

JAKE ROBERTS seems to be becoming like RODDY PIPER, a man the fans love, yet he still is a mean man.

BRUNO SAMMARTINO has had a few I-C title shots against RANDY SAVAGE, most with inconclusive finishes.

RANDY SAVAGE has been charged with assault after he apparently hit a nine-year old in the stomach.

## AWA NEWS

The MIDNIGHT ROCKERS won the AWA tag team title from BUDDY ROSE & DOUG SOMERS on January 31st in St.Paul, Minnesota when they pinned Somers.

MR.SAITO is out of jail and is in the AWA. He has been teaming regularly with the SUPER NINJA and LARRY ZBYSZKO... BORIS ZUKHOV has left the AWA to wrestle in the Florida area, where SCOTT HALL is also... Former NWA champ TOMMY RICH has turned bad in the AWA Mid-Southern area and is gunning for NICK BOCKWINKEL's AWA title. One might wonder how the injured JOHNNY RICH feels about this, he is Tommy's cousin... JIMMY 'SUPERFLY' SNUKA is back and has been beating COLONEL DeBEERS wherever they meet.

Both Road Warrior Hawk and the Junkyard Dog got their starts in Vancouver's UWA wrestling!

The number one selling WWF wrestling doll is not Hulk Hogan... it's Randy 'Macho Man' Savage!

Johnny V's tag team Demolition is really Krusher Krushchev & Masked Superstar.

## Did you know that...

Danny Davis has not always been a referee. Davis is/was Mr.X!

In South America, there was once a wrestler called 'the Invisible Man'. He was a 'good guy' who was never seen but somehow managed to win all his matches, ending his career undefeated. To this day, no one has seen him...

## HACKSAW JIM DUGGAN

280 lbs. Glens Falls, NY

It seems on natural that the man who has feuded with Kamala, Butch Reed, Jim Neidhart, Junkyard Dog, Nikolai Volkoff, Dick Slater, Krusher Krushchev, and Hercules Hernandez should be in the WWF. And now it is true. Hacksaw Jim Duggan is back in the WWF after nearly seven years. A former football player for the Atlanta Falcons and Toronto Argonauts, Duggan is one tough wrestler. For the last few years, Hacksaw was in the UWF. He was even North American champ. But recently, he lost a loser-leave-town match to. He will do well in the WWF, most likely by re-igniting one of his old feuds.

## UWF UNIVERSAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

The Universal Wrestling Federation has been a hotbed of wrestling as of late. And we will from here-on-in be bringing you the news...

ONE MAN GANG is still the UWF champion, but only because of his manager, SKANDOR AKBAR'S interference... CHRIS ADAMS and TERRY TAYLOR won the tag team titles in a tournament following the stripping of the titles from HACKSAW DUGGAN and Taylor after Duggan was beaten up by the FABULOUS FREEBIRDS... Hacksaw Duggan has left the UWF for the WWF following his loss in a loser-leave town match... Former tag team champs, the FANTASTICS have left for the World Class area... ICEMAN PARSONS has turned 'bad'...

## NWA Happenings...

THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS won the US tag team title on February 14th in Charlotte, North Carolina by fire-balling RONNIE GARVIN.

To Ronnie's rescue came none other than his brother, JIMMY GARVIN. The two are now once again friends... MIKE ROTUNDO has returned to the World Championship area... The Bunkhouse Stampedes concluded at the end of February with a last-in-the-steel cage match pitting DUSTY RHODES against BUBBA ROGERS... LEX LUGAR, former Southern champion, is now in a member of the FOUR HORSEMEN. In a recent melee following a match, Lugar knocked out Dusty Rhodes and beat up NIKITA KOLOFF...

## INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING

Prepare yourself ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER is the new Canadian International champion, having defeated HERCULES AYALA. The Butcher claims he now wants another match against BRUISER BRODY...

PRETTY BOY CHUCK SIMMS won the $5000 battle royale in Montreal to win the TV Title. He ousted GINO BRITO JR. & LEO 'the Lion' BURKE to win the belt.

'The Flying Canucks' ARMAND ROUGEAU & DAN KROFFAT are the new Canadian tag team champions after beating RICHARD CHARLAND & KENDO NAGASAKI.

Bruiser Brody's brother is supposedly in the area... STEVE STRONG is back, and he wants revenge!

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Birthdays in April:
April 5: Sika the Samoan
April 17: Roddy Piper
April 19: Ox Baker
April 21: Brutus Beefcake
April 23: Tony Atlas
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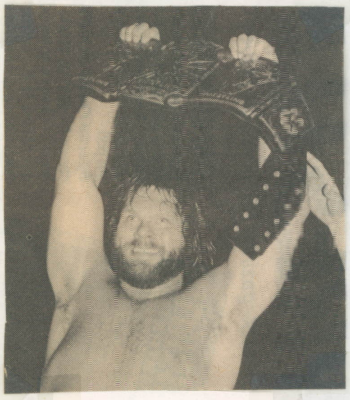
## Rasslin' Results

PWC Hamilton Copps Colesium February 15, 1987 2:00 pm
Nikita Koloff beat Ric Flair by DQ...Tully Blanchard beat Dusty Rhodes... Manny Fernandez & Rick Rude beat Rick Morton & Bob Armstrong... Midnight Express beat Barry Windham & Hector Guerrero... Lex Lugar beat Ricky Lee Jones... Angelo Mosca Jr. beat Shaska Whatley... Arn Anderson beat Tim Horner... Joey War Eagle beat Bull Johnson

WWF Toronto February 15, 1987 7:30 pm
Randy Savage beat Rick Steamboat... Roddy Piper beat Adrian Adonis... Killer Bees beat Hart Foundation (non-title)... Cpl.Kirchner beat Johnny K-9... Paul Orndorff beat Pedro Morales... Sika beat Moondog Spot... Ron Bass beat SD Jones

Shawn Michaels & Marty Jannetty, the Midnight Rockers, new AWA tag team champions.

Rick Morton & Bob Armstrong on the way to the ring to confront current NWA tag team champs, Rick Rude & Manny Fernandez at MoscaMania 2.



Hacksaw Duggan

Krusher Krushchev

Masked Superstar

Currently known as Axe & Smash- Johnny V's Demolition

WWF tag team champions, the Hart Foundation, l to r, Brett Hart, Jimmy Hart & Jim Neidhart.

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## 1st Annual FAN'S CHOICE Elimination Tournament

In our first fan participation event, we ask you to send in the results of who you feel would win the following hypothetical matches.

The winners of each match, as chosen by you, will advance to the semi-finals next edition. Weigh each decision carefully and send in your winners as soon as possible!

Send your results to:
The Wrestling Report
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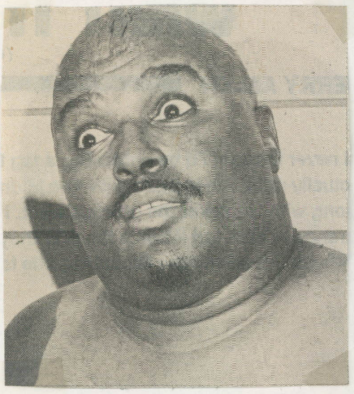
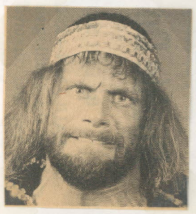
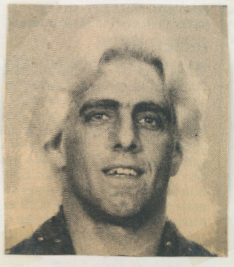
Remember vote as soon as possible... and why you're at it, why not drop us a line about our newsletter... What do you like? What don't you like?

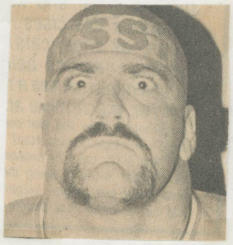
Round 2
Winner Match 1 vs Winner Match 4
Winner Match 2 vs Winner Match 3

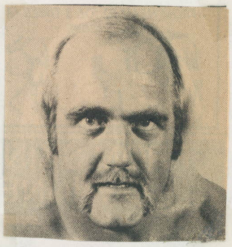


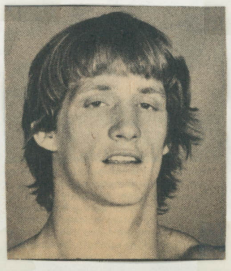
The Eight Major Champions in North American Wrestling.

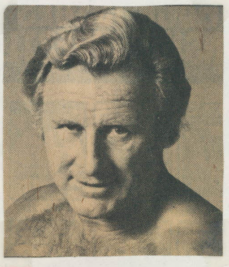












## Round 1

### Match 1

**Hulk Hogan** WWF Champion 302 lbs.

The Hulkster is the most influencial man in professional wrestling today. He seems to excell against opponents who are close to his physical equal.

**vs.**

**Nikita Koloff** NWA US Champion 275 lbs.

The new Russian is a new power on the wrestling scene. His moves are awe-inspiring as is his perfectly tuned body.

### Match 2

**Nick Bockwinkel** AWA Champion 245 lbs.

A scientific, quick-thinking, wrestler's wrestler. He has been AWA champion for almost nine years. If the need arises, Bockwinkel can ajust his style to fit any wrestler in the world today.

**vs.**

**Kevin Von Erich** World Class Champion 239 lbs.

The eldest Von Erich has wrestled almost exclusively in Texas. He is acrobatic, quick-thinking and fast-moving.

### Match 3

**Ric Flair** NWA Champion 243 lbs.

This experienced 4-time NWA champ has wrestled the best around the world. A tendency to get himself disqualified is his major fault.

**vs.**

**Randy Savage** WWF I-C Champion 245 lbs.

A young, highly athletic, acrobatic wrestler. He may be the most sadistic man in our tournament. An uncontrollable, unpredictable wrestler.

### Match 4

**One Man Gang** UWF Champion 468 lbs.

Huge, but out-of-shape, One Man Gang won his UWF title by forfeit. Most of his matches involve interference from his manager Scandor Akbar. His endurance is questionable.

**vs.**

**Abdullah the Butcher** Canadian Champion 360 lbs.

The madman from Sudan loves to hurt his opponents. Foreign objects, illegal moves, and his weight are his only assets. He looks tremendously out-of-shape, but can move quickly if the need be.

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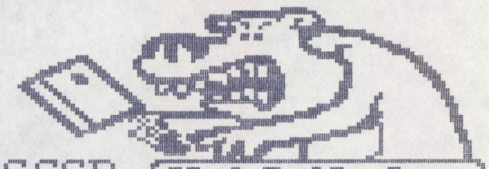

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Notes- Mike Rotundo bullets into the NWA ratings with his Florida title win...Randy Savage drops because of I-C title loss, and possible knee surgery...Kevin Kelly is now under Sherri Martel's management after Doug Somer's injury...Both Richard Charland and Dan Kroffat have been fighting top knotch competition....

GOOD-BYE
ROWDY
RODDY.

## Champions

### Rick 'the Dragon' Steamboat

238 pounds
Honolulu, Hawaii

Rick Steamboat has always been championship material, and now he is a champion, the new WWF Intercontinental champion, to be exact. In an incredibly exciting match at WrestleMania 3, 'the Dragon' wrestled the coveted title away from Randy Savage. Savage has been champion for one year, one month, and 21 days. Look for Steamboat's reign to be a long one with challenges from Savage, Butch Reed, Jake Roberts and Hercules.

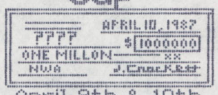
### IVAN KOLOFF & DICK MURDOCH

UNITED STATES TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS

by: Greg Oliver

The Russian Bear and Captain Redneck: US tag team champions. Something is wrong. This team comprised of two wily veterans beat Barry Windham & Ronnie Garvin for the US tag titles on March 14. It sounds like a setup to me. I recall just three years ago when Ivan Koloff & Don Kernodle were NWA tag champs. At the time, Ivan had just introduced Nikita Koloff, much as he recently revealed Vladmir Petrov. The Koloffs then proceeded to beat Kernodle, an American, to a bloody pulp. Will Capt.Redneck realize his plight? Time will tell.

### Crockett Cup




April 9th & 10th
Baltimore, MD

The 2nd Annual Jim Crockett Sr Memorial Tag Team Tournament will start on April 9th with 25 of the best tag teams in the NWA and 2 great singles matches.

On April 9th, the singles bout is Ole Anderson vs. Big Bubba in a steel cage.

On April 10th, NWA World champ Ric Flair puts his belt on the line against Barry Windham.

The following are the top ten seeds, who all receive a bye to the 2nd round:

1. Manny Fernandez & Rick Rude
2. Dusty Rhodes & Nikita Koloff
3. Road Warriors
4. Rock'n'Roll Express
5. Giant Baba & Hiroshi Wajima
6. Midnight Express
7. Arn Anderson & Kevin Sullivan
8. Tully Blanchard & Lex Lugar
9. MOD Squad
10. Ivan Koloff & Vladmir Petrov

Also entered are The Fabulous Ones (it will be Steve Keirn's last match), Mike Rotundo & Tim Horner, Ronnie & Jimmy Garvin, Wahoo McDaniel & Baron Von Raschke, Bob & Brad Armstrong, Mike Graham & Nelson Royal, Kansas Jayhawks, Bill Dundee & Konga the Barbarian, Shaska Whatley & Teijho Khan, Thunderfoots, LaserTron & Jimmy Valiant, Sean Royal & Chris Champion, the Mulkeys, Italian Stalion & Ricky Lee Jones, and Steve Armstrong & Tracey Smothers.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Wrestling Report,
I received my first issue recently and your report is a very good one. I recently attended a WWF show in my hometown. All the usual stars were in attendance. A preliminary wrestler caught my eye. His name is Tom Magee. If possible, I would like to know any information about Tom Magee. His wrestling beginnings, how long he has been wrestling, etc.
Becky Brown London, Ontario
(Tom Magee's #1 Fan)

Becky Brown,
Tom Magee's beginning's began as a weightlifter, a champion weightlifter. He has won the 'Le Defi Mark 10 Strongman Challenge' in Montreal three times. Early this year at the competition, he set a world record in the 56-pound stone thrown; 8.03 metres!
His wrestling career, to our knowledge, began under the tutelage of Stampede Wrestling promoter Stu Hart. There, Magee made a name for himself, feuding with Steve DiSalvo, who is now known as Steve Strong. Late in 1986, Tom Magee entered the WWF, attempting to gain the experience needed to become successful.
Tom Magee weighs 295 pounds and is from Vancouver. His favorite move is a backflip from the second rope. Tremendously strong and agile, Magee has what it takes to be a wrestling champion- but he is in the WWF, and will unlikely be allowed to shine against the competition he deserves.
Editor - Greg Oliver

## WRESTLEMANIA 3

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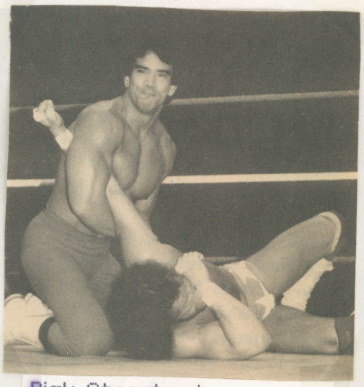
Roddy Piper beat Adrian Adonis
Can-Am Connection beat Orton & Muraco
Valentine & Beefcake beat Rougeaus
Hercules vs Billy Jack Haynes- double countout
Iron Shiek & Nikolai Volkoff beat Killer Bees by DQ
Hillbilly Jim, Little Beaver & Haiti Kid beat King Kong Bundy, Little Tokyo & Lord Littlebrook by DQ



Rick Steamboat, new WWF Intercontinental champion.

## Rasslin' Results

WWF Toronto March 15, 1987
First Annual Frank Tunney Memorial Tag Team Tourney
1ST ROUND Killer Bees beat Kamala & Sika... Demolition beat British Bulldogs by DQ... King Kong Bundy & Paul Orndorff beat B. Orton & D. Muraco... Can-Am Connection beat Dan Spivey & Jerry Allen... 2ND ROUND Demolition beat Can-Am Connection by countout... Killer Bees beat King Kong Bundy & Paul Orndorff... FINAL Killer Bees beat Demolition... Hart Foundation beat the Killer Bees...

WWF London March 16, 1987
British Bulldogs beat Hart Foundation by DQ... Koko B.Ware drew with Danny Davis... Demoliton beat Dan Spivey & Jerry Allen... Ron Bass beat Lanny Poffo... Tom Magee beat Terry Gibbs... SD Jones beat Red Demon... Jose Luis Rivera beat John K-9... Sika beat Frankie Lane... Siva Afi beat Ivan MacDonald...

## RUMOURS

The replacement for Piper's Pit is supposedly Hyatt's House. This segment will star the beautiful, and controversial Missy Hyatt, of UWF fame.

Dick Slater has been negociating with the UWF to make a return.
Steve Williams wants out of the UWF.
Ken Patera and Big John Studd will return to the WWF as good guys.
Stu Hart's Stampede Wrestling will be appearing on The Sports Network, as their current show, AWA Championship Wrestling, contains no Canadian content.

Birthdays in May:
May 2: Moondog Rex
May 4: Mr.Fuji
May 10: Tito Santana
May 14: Tommy Rogers
May 15: Kevin Von Erich
May 18: Jimmy Snuka
May 19: Andre the Giant
May 19: Dick Slater
May 28: Kamala
May 30: Jake Roberts

## printing errors!!? who? us?

In the last Edition, we failed to mention that Hacksaw Duggan lost his loser-leave-town match to One Man Gang.

We also reported that the Midnight Rockers won their AWA tag team titles on January 31st, when in fact, it was on January 27th.

The Midnight Express DID NOT win the US tag team title, but they took the belts from Ronnie Garvin & Barry Windham. The events depicted did happen, but there was no pinfall.

The British Bulldogs, this month's interview, are frustrated over their inability to regain the WWF tag team titles.

Missy Hyatt, Piper's Pit's Replacement?

# EDITORIAL

For the month of April 1987.
by: Greg Oliver

Going into WrestleMania 3, there were things I thought would happen... Hulk Hogan wouldn't lose, Andre the Giant wouldn't get pinned, and the Honktonk Man would get annhilated.

What the hell happened?!

Andre's undefeated streak ended while Hulk Hogan flexed and the Giant cried... And the Honkytonk Man strutted his stuff with a victory over Jake Roberts.

I am majorly confused.

In all, 93 173 fans jammed in the Silverdome to see the show, more than 2 million saw it on closed circuit TV, and a half-a-million saw it on pay-per-view TV.

Incredible. Stupendous. Amazing.
Saddening. Depressing. Conclusive.

All this is the power of WrestleMania.

## Interviewing the British Bulldogs

Writer Serge Solski recently caught up with the British Bulldogs, Dynamite Kid & Davey Boy Smith, to ask them a few questions.

Thanks to the WWF, Hostess Promotions, and Zehrmart for helping us obtain this informative interview.

WRESTLING REPORT: Since losing your titles back in January, have you had many title shots to regain your belts?

DAVEY BOY SMITH: No. None at all. Not for a whole month.

WR: Any word of warning to the Hart Foundation and Danny Davis?

> Danny Davis, this is gonna be the last time you wrestle, in WrestleMania 3, wrestle or referee.
> -Davey Boy Smith

DBS: Yes. Danny Davis, this is gonna be the last time you wrestle, in Wrestle Mania 3, wrestle or referee. Then we're goin' after the Harts, and we'll take back our belts.

WR: Dynamite Kid, have you fully recovered from the injury you sustained at the hands of Bob Orton & the Magnificent Muraco?

DYNAMITE KID: Not yet.

WR: What happened during that match?

DK: I don't know. I had a loss of memory, I left the ring paralysed... minus two discs.

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> -Dynamite Kid

WR: The British Bulldogs are undoubtedly the finest scientific tag-team in the world today. How do think you would fare against a powerhouse team like the Road Warriors?

DBS: I think we'd fare pretty good. The Road Warriors are just as big as the Demolition. We did go against those guys on Sunday night. So the Road Warriors should be... they're a good wrestling team, but we're faster, and, you know, more quicker.

> I think we'd fare pretty good (against the Road Warriors). They're just as big as the Demolition.
> -Davey Boy Smith

WR: So what would be your immediate plans in the WWF?

DK: Immediate?

WR: Get rid of Davis and the Hart Foundation?

DK: I could get myself 100% first. Bodywise, 100%. Get rid of Davis too, get him out of the way. He just took a payoff for one day, that's all, when we lost the belts... I guess... Then after that, once I get right, me and Davey Boy are goin' right for those belts. We'll take 'em back.

WR: Good luck in WrestleMania 3 and in regaining your championship.

DK: Thank you.

Note: The match that Davey Boy Smith was referring to was on March 15th at the First Annual Frank Tunney Tag Team Tournament at the Maple Leaf Gardens. The British Bulldogs lost to Demolition by disqualification. When questioned, Dynamite Kid claims he intentionally got himself DQ'd, as he had reinjured his back.

## INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING

In a recent match in Montreal, ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER proceeded not only to turn RICHARD CHARLAND & BUSTER BRODY into bloody messes, but also the referee and his tag team partner STEVE STRONG! Some Canadian Champion!... EDDIE CREETCHMAH has introduced the GREAT KARMA from the jungles of Africa to the INW rings... PRETTY BOY FLOYD has taken young ROCKY DELLASSERRA under his guidance.. Returnee LEN 'Kojak' SHELLEY is looking good, and is looking to get his former championship partner, Richard Charland... Buster Brody is, of course, KILLER TIM BROOKS... Look for a bright future from DENIS GOULET, an exciting former weightlifter...

## UWF UNIVERSAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

The new UWF Television champion is EDDIE GILBERT. He beat SAVANNAH JACK on March 8 to claim the title. Savannah Jack had been TV champ since November 11, 1986 when he beat BUDDY ROBERTS... The FABULOUS FREEBIRDS are feuding with SKANDOR AKBAR'S DEVASTATION INC. again. The feud started a few years back in the World Class area... Gone from the UWF is JACK VICTORY, a former tag team champ... New to the UWF is the ever versatile BABY DOLL... Unfortunately, this year the UWF is not sending any of its teams to the CROCKETT CUP. Last year the UWF's FANTASTICS, SHEEPHERDERS and TAYLOR & WILLIAMS advanced to the quarter-finals.

## AWA NEWS

The MIDNIGHT ROCKERS have been feeling the grind of being champions. SHAWN MICHAELS & MARTY JANNETTY have barely managed to defeat such teams as BORIS ZUKHOV & BUDDY WOLFE, teams that they handled easily as challengers... San Francisco 49er RUSS FRANCIS, who was in WM2's Battle Royale, has been doing some refereeing and commentary for the AWA brodcasts. He is obviously looking to start a wrestling career after football... 'Mr.Magnificent' KEVIN KELLY has joined the stable of SHERRI MARTEL. He has been teaming with Playboy BUDDY ROSE following Pretty Boy DOUG SOMERS' not-so-pretty injury at the hands of the Midnight Rockers... Newcomer DJ PETERSON has been looking excellent.

## NWA Happenings...

IVAN KOLOFF & DICK MURDOCH won the US tag team titles from BARRY WINDHAM & RON GARVIN... In Florida action, Sir OLIVER HUMPERDINK won the Florida title from BAD NEWS ALLEN, gave it to ED GANTNER, who then proceeded to lose to MIKE ROTUNDO on March 15... The MOD SQUAD beat STEVE ARMSTRONG & TRACEY SMOTHERS for the Florida tag titles... In CROCKETT CUP news, RANDY & BILL MULKEY won their place in the tourney with a stunning upset of the GLADIATORS. MULKEYMANIA lives!... LASER TRON (HECTOR GUERRERO in a space suit) won the NWA junior title from DENNY BROWN...

## WORLD CLASS

The new tag team champions are the FANTASTICS, BOBBY FULTON & TOMMY ROGERS. They beat BRIAN ADIAS & AL MADRIL on March 4th. Adias & Madril have been champs since December 1st, 1986.

New to the World Class are is TED ARCIDI, 'the world's strongest man.' Arcidi, who was in the WWF for the last year, is making an attempt to increase his experience by moving to Texas.

Manager GARY HART has a new bodyguard, named JEEP SWENSEN. He is BIG.

Returning World Class is JACK VICTORY, who has been in the UWF. Victory might be best known for his tenure as flag-bearer for the KIWI SHEEPHERDERS.

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## RESULTS ROUND ONE

### Match 1

Hulk Hogan (WWF Champion, 302 lbs.) beat 57%
Nikita Koloff (NWA US Champion, 275 lbs.) 43%

### Match 2

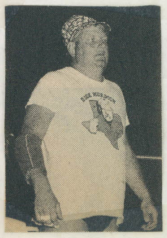
Nick Bockwinkel (AWA Champion, 245 lbs.) beat 52%
Kevin Von Erich (World Class Champion, 239 lbs.) 48%

### Match 3

Ric Flair (NWA Champion, 243 lbs.) beat 52%
Randy Savage (former WWF I-C Champion, 245 lbs.) 43%
5% double-DQ

### Match 4

Abdullah the Butcher (Canadian Champion, 360 lbs.) beat 71%
One Man Gang (UWF Champion, 468 lbs.) 24%
5% double-DQ



## Round 2

### Match 5

**Hulk Hogan** WWF Champion 302 lbs.

In the first round, Hogan beat US champ Nikita Koloff in a power matchup. His questionable endurance was not a factor. Hogan has fared well against another madman, Kamala, Abdullah's enemy.

VS.

**Abdullah the Butcher** Canadian Champion 360 lbs.

In the first round, Abdullah soundly trounced One Man Gang. We wonder how a pinfall was ever achieved. He is matched against Hogan, who is at least three times his physical equal. But Abdullah is crazy, that may help.

### Match 6

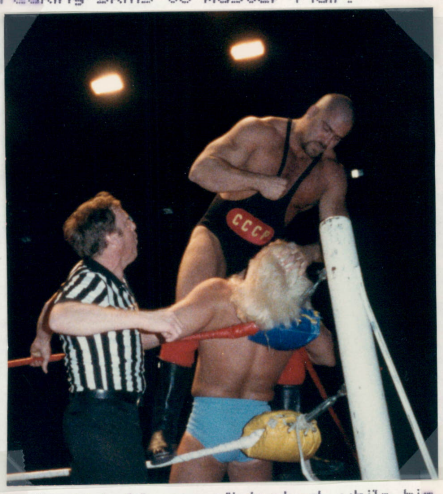
**Ric Flair** NWA Champion 243 lbs.

In the first round, the Nature Boy narrowly defeated the Macho Man in a wild match. Flair's rulebreaking techniques were needed against Savage, now he needs to use his wrestling skills.

VS.

**Nick Bockwinkel** AWA Champion 245 lbs.

In the closest match of the first round, Bockwinkel, the old veteran, beat Kevin Von Erich, the young veteran. Now he must call upon all of his technical & rule-breaking skills to master Flair.



Nikita Koloff was eliminated, while his opponent in this photo, Ric Flair, advanced to the next round.

## WF Notes...

Watch out for KEN PATERA & BIG JOHN STUDD, who will soon be re-appearing on the WWF scene... and don't be surprised if they have a good attitude!

DICK SLATER has left the WWF to an unamed region where he will get a fair shake for the talent he posseses.

HACKSAW DUGGAN interfered with his 2x4 in the KILLER BEES's match at WM3 against SHIEK & VOLKOFF. His patriotism seems to be catching on in the WWF.

BRUTUS BEEFCAKE is now being cheered after a blond DINO BRAVO & GREG VALENTINE left him in the ring after WM3. It was Beefcake who cut ADRIAN ADONIS' hair...

Don Kernodle was beaten up by the Russians after he and Ivan Koloff lost the NWA tag belts.
Will the same happen to Dick Murdoch, co-holder of the US tag team belts with Ivan Koloff?

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## Rating the Superstars

CHAMPIONS

NWA- Ric Flair
US- Nikita Koloff
WWF- Hulk Hogan
I-C- Rick Steamboat
AWA- Nick Bockwinkel
UWF- Big Bubba
WCWA- Kevin Von Erich
Canadian- Abdullah the Butcher

| WWF- Top Ten | NWA- Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Hulk Hogan | Ric Flair |
| Rick Steamboat | Nikita Koloff |
| Randy Savage | Barry Windham |
| Jake Roberts | Lex Lugar |
| Hercules | Tully Blanchard |
| Kamala | Dusty Rhodes |
| Honkytonk Man | Jimmy Garvin |
| Harley Race | Big Bubba |
| Adrian Adonis | Mike Rotundo |
| Brutus Beefcake | Brad Armstrong |

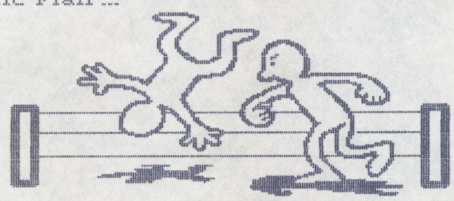
WWF Tag Teams-
Brett Hart & Jim Neidhart
Davey Boy Smith & Dynamite Kid
Jim Brunzell & B.Brian Blair
Tom Zenk & Rick Martel
Demolition

NWA Tag Teams-
Manny Fernandez & Rick Rude
Nikita Koloff & Dusty Rhodes
Road Warriors
Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton
Jimmy & Ronnie Garvin

| INW- Top Ten | AWA- Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Abdullah Butcher | Nick Bockwinkel |
| Steve Strong | Curt Hennig |
| Kendo Nagasaki | Col.DeBeers |
| Gino Brito Jr | Super Ninja |
| Dan Kroffat | Jimmy Snuka |
| Richard Charland | Larry Zbyszko |
| Pretty Boy Simms | Kevin Kelly |
| Gilles Poisson | Mr.Saito |
| Rocky Dellasera | Ray Stevens |
| Dennis Goulet | DJ Peterson |

AWA- Tag Teams
Marty Jannetty & Shawn Michaels
Mr. Saito & Super Ninja
Buddy Rose & Kevin Kelly
Boris Zukhov & the Blaster
Yuri Gordyenko & Alexis Smirnoff

Notes- Big Bubba enters the WWF ratings as UWF champion, since the UWF has rejoined the NWA... The Honkytonk Man continues to surprise... Demolition has been defeating all competiton... Jimmy Garvin enters the NWA ratings due to his fine efforts against Ric Flair...



## MIKE ROTUNDO

245 lbs
Syracuse, NY

The Florida champion has really been around. During just this year, he's been in the WWF, the NWA main circuit, and now Florida. He beat Ed 'the Bull' Gantner on March 15th to win the Florida title. His most recent challenges have come from the Barbarian, Gantner, Kevin Sullivan and Kareem Muhammad. Mike Rotundo's greatest success has come in the Florida region where he has held the Florida and Southern titles and the US tag belts. He has also held the WWF tag team belts.

## THE SUPERPOWERS

Dusty Rhodes and Nikita Koloff

With a flying body-press off the top rope in the 19th minute of the final match on the second day of the 2nd annual Crockett Cup, Dusty Rhodes won the $1 million prize for his team. It was a fabulous two days of action ending with Rhodes & Koloff beating Lex Lugar & Tully Blanchard in the final. Herein are the complete results.

FINAL- Dusty Rhodes & Nikita Koloff beat Lex Lugar & Tully Blanchard
SEMI-FINAL- Lugar & Blanchard beat Giant Baba & Mr.Tagaki
Rhodes & Nikita beat New Midnight Express
QUARTER FINAL- Lugar & Blanchard beat Brad & Bob Armstrong
Rhodes & Nikita beat Rude & Fernandez
New Midnights beat Road Warriors by DQ

SECOND ROUND- Rude & Fernandez beat the Thunderfoots
Rhodes & Nikita beat Dundee & Barbarian
Road Warriors beat Shaska Whatley & Teijho Khan
New Midnights beat Jim & Ron Garvin by countout
Baba & Tagaki beat Todd Champion & Denny Brown
Armstrongs beat Kevin Sullivan & Arn Anderson
Lugar & Blanchard beat MOD Squad

FIRST ROUND- Thunderfoots beat Bobby Jaggers & Rocky King
Barbarian & Dundee beat Mike Rotundo & Tim Horner
Whatley & Khan beat Jim Valiant & Lasertron by DQ
Garvins beat Ricky Lee Jones & Italian Stalion
Champion & Brown beat Randy & Bill Mulkey
Armstrongs beat Ivan Koloff & Vladimir Petrov by DQ
MOD Squad beat Wahoo McDaniel & Baron Von Raschke
Nelson Royal & Mike Graham drew with George South & Steve Keirn

ALSO: Ric Flair pinned Barry Windham
Ole Anderson beat Big Bubba in a cage
NOTES: Rock'n'Roll Express forfeited due to Rick Morton's eye injury... Dutch Mantel, Kansas Jayhawks didn't show...

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BUFFALO JUNE 2, 1987

SPECIAL
# EDITORIAL

For the month of May 1987
by: Serge Solski

Let's face it. If you lost three BIG matches, before millions of people, you'd probally run with your tail between your legs. And this is exactly what happened to the JUNKYARD DOG- as he kisses the WWF goodbye (at least for a while) and enters the unstable world of 'the other wrestling federations.' Why did he leave? He never became a main-event wrestler or came close to winning a title. He was also no longer the most popular black athlete in the WWF- that goes to Koko B.Ware. The next question is- where should he go? That's a tough one because the JYD is not the same wrestler he was when he came to the WWF. He is chubbier, slower, stale, less ring-wise and stereotyped. Now I'll examine his options. First, the World Class region DRASTICALLY needs new talent. The JYD would not be able to save this region- maybe nobody can...

The AWA is an interesting idea, because in the past he's had some battles with Nick Bockwinkel, and the bigot Col.DeBeers is still raising hell there. The only thing with the AWA is that, like Jimmy Snuka and Sgt.Slaughter- you may enter hot but you may end up ice cold.

Finally the NWA, and its affiliates would not want the JYD anymore- unless to maybe join up with Jimmy Valiant in some senseless feud.

What the JYD needs is time to think. The WWF has a maddening pace- and it has taken its toll. He should take some time to refine his skills and hell, who knows, he just might turn bad and challenge Hogan at WrestleMania 4- we've seen it before...

## WF Notes...

The JUNKYARD DOG has disappeared from the WWF wrestling scene after his loss to HARLEY RACE at WrestleMania3.

Speaking of Harley Race, he is getting a much-deserved WWF title shot May 17th in Toronto against HULK HOGAN.

New to the WWF:
- DENNIS CONDREY, formerly one half of the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS.
- SAM HOUSTON, a former Mid-Atlantic and Central States champion.
- KILLER KHAN, a WWF returnee, and big enemy of Andre the Giant.
- ONE MAN GANG, former UWF champion.

The WrestleMania 3 video tape is being released on May 5.

## INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING

GINO BRITO JR finally beat CHUCK SIMMS for the TV Title. The match ended with Simms putting Brito in the figure-4, Brito reversing it, Simms reversing it, Brito reversing it, and Simms submitting. After the match, ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER came in and beat up Brito Jr. The ancient Brito-Abdullah feud is re-igniting with a younger Brito.. Chuck Simms redeemed himself later when he and RICHARD CHARLAND beat ARMAND ROUGEAU & DAN KROFFAT for the tag team titles, with a little help from SUGAR. She sprayed Rougeau in the eyes with hair spray... BOB DELLASERA will soon be returning to the area... New to the area is a wrestler called JASON. He wears a hockey mask...

## AWA NEWS

SUPER CLASH II is set for May 2nd in San Francisco. The main event pits CURT HENNIG against AWA champ NICK BOCKWINKEL.

RAY STEVENS recently challenged and lost to his former partner Nick Bockwinkel in an AWA title match. Stevens is 60 years old... LARRY ZBYSZKO's team of SUPER NINJA and MR.SAITO has been tearing up all competition with their vicious martial arts and surprising wrestling techniques... DJ PETERSON continues to improve, and recently held the powerful 'Mr.Magnificent' KEVIN KELLY to a draw... In the AWA Mid-Southern region, AUSTIN IDOL shaved JERRY LAWLER'S head bald.. THE BLASTER now has SHIEK ADNAD AL-KAISSIE as his manager...

Colonel DeBeers' real name is Ed Wiskowski! He has also wrestled under the names- the Polish Prince and Mega Maharishi!

Jimmy Hart once managed Koko B.Ware!

The Red Demon is Jose Luis Rivera!

Jimmy Garvin and his valet Precious are married!

## Did you know that...

Before the final match of the Crockett Cup this year, Magnum TA came out using a walker and hugged Dusty Rhodes & Nikita Koloff...

Mulkeymania t-shirts, proclaiming the accomplishments of Randy & Bill Mulkey, were the best sellers at the Crockett Cup...

## FL-☼-RIDA Championship Wrestling

The Florida circuit is the breeding ground of the wrestling world. Currently, it is the secondary circuit for the NWA. The Southern title, last held by KEVIN SULLIVAN has been unceremoniously retired. Therefore the top title is the Florida championship, held by MIKE ROTUNDO... SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINK's main bodyguard these days is the GREAT SAMU, former Canadian champ. Together, they recently turned on their partner ED 'the Bull' GANTNER... The MOD SQUAD continue to reign as Florida tag champs... The team of RANDY & BILL MULKEY have moved onto Florida and they recently upset COLT STEELE & KAREEM MUHAMMED...

## NWA Happenings...

The big news, of course, is the Crockett Cup, won by DUSTY RHODES & NIKITA KOLOFF... RIC FLAIR is feuding with JIMMY GARVIN... Since DENNIS CONDREY has left for the WWF, SWEET STAN LANE has taken his place alongside BOBBY EATON in the NEW MIDNIGHT EXPRESS... JIM CORNETTE is going to face RONNIE GARVIN in a steel cage match... THE NEW BREED- CHRIS CHAMPION & SEAN ROYAL have joined the main NWA circuit. They are former Florida tag champs... The ROAD WARRIORS won the All-Japan International tag belts and have been challenging NWA tag champs RICK RUDE & MANNY FERNANDEZ in title vs title matches

## UWF UNIVERSAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

The UWF was recently bought out by JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS, and is now an official part of the NWA... BIG BUBBA beat the ONE MAN GANG for the UWF belt in late April. OMG has committed to go to the WWF... STING & RICK STEINER beat TERRY TAYLOR & CHRIS ADAMS for the UWF tag titles on April 12 at the Omni in Atlanta... MAD DOG BUZZ SAWYER is back in the area, now accompanied by DARK JOURNEY. SAM HOUSTON has left for the WWF... ICEMAN PARSONS, Sting, Steiner & EDDIE GILBERT recently all ganged up to attack SAVANNAH JACK... Eddie Gilbert said that his 'lady MISSY HYATT' shouldn't be around the ring anymore. This gives her an excuse to go to the WWF...

## WORLD CLASS

The death of MIKE VON ERICH has really hurt the World Class region. Not only does it diminish the talent, but the moral of the failing federation. Bankruptcy may not be too far off... WCWA World Champion KEVIN VON ERICH is very seriously considering retiring from active wrestling. He is reportedly being pressured by his wife to retire due to his many injury, the most serious of which is his re-occuring shoulder injury... BRUISER BRODY, Texas' wildest man, continues to be sought by promoters all over the world. His base is with World Class though, he is the match booker...

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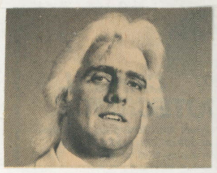

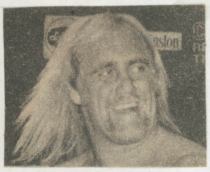

## RESULTS SECOND ROUND

**Match 5**

Hulk Hogan — WWF Champion 302 lbs. — 77%
beat
Abdullah the Butcher — Canadian Champion 360 lbs. — 23%

**Match 6**

Ric Flair — NWA Champion 243 lbs. — 81%
beat
Nick Bockwinkel — AWA Champion 245 lbs. — 19%

## FINAL

**Hulk Hogan** — WWF Champion 302 lbs.

In the second round, Hogan beat Abdullah the Butcher in what was a wild brawl. Now, he must face a wrestler. Hogan does possess some scientific knowledge, the question is-- can he use it against Ric Flair?

vs.

**Ric Flair** — NWA Champion 243 lbs.

In the second round, Flair beat Nick Bockwinkel in what must have been a slow-moving, scientific match-up. Now, Flair's up against Hulkamania, power that beat a Giant. Wily Ric Flair might be able to out-wrestle and out-think Hogan, but can he beat him?

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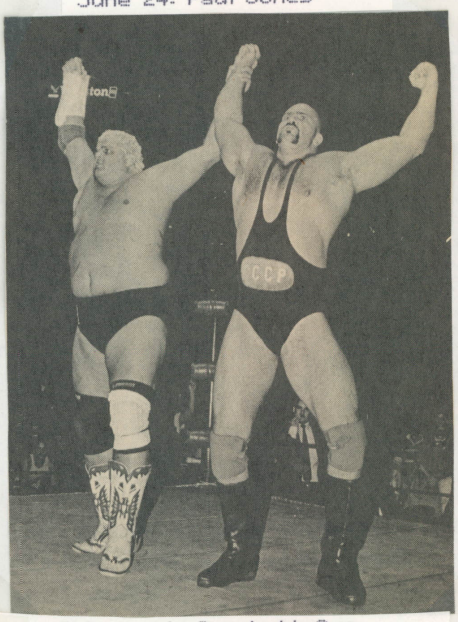
Birthdays in June:
June 4: Gorilla Monsoon
June 6: Moondog Spot
June 15: Brad Armstrong
June 18: Salvatore Bellomo
June 19: Wahoo McDaniel
June 21: Mark Youngblood
June 24: Paul Jones

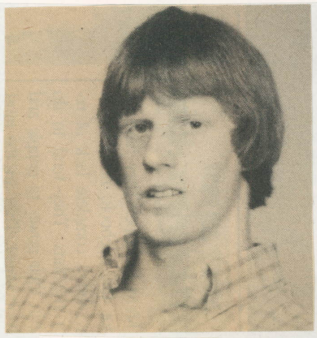


This year's Crockett Cup winners, the Superpowers, Nikita Koloff & Dusty Rhodes.

## Obituaries

### Mike Von Erich

The second youngest Von Erich, Mike, is dead at the age of 23, by suicide. He was found April 16, 1987 in a sleeping bag at a park near his home in Denton, Texas, with a note in his pocket saying:
'I have gone to a better place.'
The weekend before his death, he was arrested for drunk driving and drug possession charges and was released after posting $3,500 bail.
Mike's career as a pro began Christmas night in 1983 and ended the day before Good Friday 1987- four year career.



The world will miss Mike Von Erich

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

The One Man Gang is out of the UWF and into the WWF. Look for him to be managed by Bobby Heenan and to feud with Ken Patera.
It looks like Steve Williams, Eddie Gilbert and Ted DiBiase are going to stay with the UWF in its new format with the NWA.
The Fabulous Freebirds want out though.

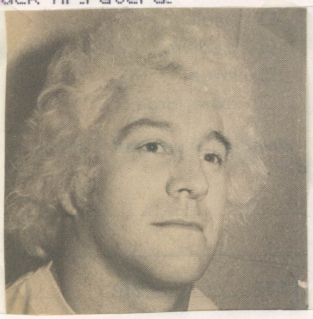
# KEN PATERA
THE REAL STORY

The story the WWF told was, for once, fairly realistic. Herein is the factual story.

On April 6, 1984, in Waukesha, Wisconsin, Mr.Saito and Ken Patera decided to throw a rock through a fast-food restaurant window. Later that right, they were questioned by the police regarding the incident. The scene then got ugly as they assaulted the police officers. They were convicted, Patera for two counts of battery to a peace officer, and one count of criminal damage to property. In August, their case went to trial and Ken Patera, former US Olympian (not Olympic medalist), was sentenced to two years in jail. He was released in early February of this year and was put on probation for six years.

Mr.Saito immediately began wrestling again, returning to the AWA, while Patera returned to his family and decided to make a dramatic return to the WWF- as a good guy after his long-time manager and friend Bobby Heenan.

What the future holds for Ken Patera is uncertain. He is almost 45 years old, and his best year might be behind him. Good luck Mr.Patera.

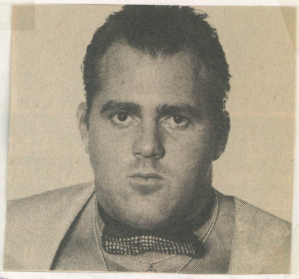


'You threw me down the river, Heenan...'

## Rasslin' Results

WWF Toronto April 26, 1987
Hart Foundation beat British Bulldogs by DQ... Butch Reed beat Nick Kiniski Hercules beat Billy Jack Haynes in a chain match... Demolition beat Paul Roma & Jim Powers... Greg Valentine & Dino Bravo beat Islanders Kamala beat George Steele... Hacksaw Duggan beat Iron Shiek

WWF London April 27, 1987
Brutus Beefcake won a 20-man Battle Royale... Fabulous Moolah beat Velvet McIntyre... Demolition beat Islanders... 'Barber' Brutus Beefcake beat Adrian Adonis by DQ... Iron Mike Sharpe beat Cowboy Frankie Lane... Paul Roma & Jim Powers beat the Shadows... Pedro Morales beat JJ Funk...



Barber Brutus Beefcake won a Battle Royale

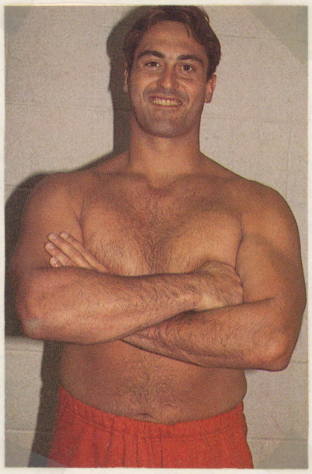
## Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

May 2nd, 1987 South Bend, IN
Kamala beat Jake Roberts
Randy Savage beat George Steele in a lumberjack match
Rick Steamboat beat Hercules by DQ
Can-Am Connection beat Iron Shiek and Nikolai Volkoff
British Bulldogs beat the Hart Foundation in a best-out-of 3 falls match but did not win the belts due to a technicality on the 1st fall.

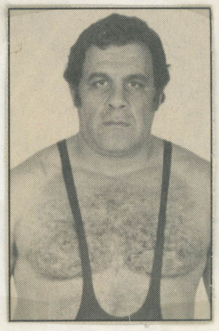
Curt Hennig, the next AWA Champion?

## CURT HENNIG
235 lbs 6'3"
Minneapolis, MN

At SUPERCLASH II on May 2nd in San Francisco, Curt Hennig, 'the Axe', gets one more shot at AWA champ Nick Bockwinkel. After a few 60-minute draws, and some bloody battles, they will clash superly at the AWA's biggest show of the year. Hennig is a former AWA tag team champ, Pacific Northwest champ and tag champ. He is also popular in Japan.



Florida champion, Mike Rotundo



The Junkyard Dog has left the WWF, at least for a while.

## OUT OF BOUNDS
PWC

by: Greg Oliver

This is not a column that I want to write. I thought Pro Wrestling Canada was a great idea. Most agreed, but not enough. Due to poor attendance at the PWC cards in Brantford and Peterborough in February, Angelo Mosca, the backing behind PWC, decided to throw in the towel. It was a mostly financial decision. In my humble opinion, he should have stuck with it. Did you know that they were planning to go national on TSN? This exposure to TSN's million subscribers would have helped. The WWF is making a killing here because there's no competition. There still isn't.

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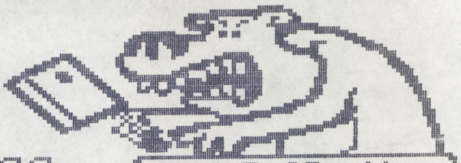

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## Rating the Superstars

CHAMPIONS

NWA- Ric Flair
US- Nikita Koloff
WWF- Hulk Hogan
I-C- Rick Steamboat
AWA- Curt Hennig
UWF- Big Bubba Rogers
WCWA- Kevin Von Erich
Canadian- Abdullah the Butcher

| WWF- Top Ten | NWA- Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Hulk Hogan | Ric Flair |
| Rick Steamboat | Nikita Koloff |
| Randy Savage | Barry Windham |
| Jake Roberts | Lex Lugar |
| Hercules | Tully Blanchard |
| Harley Race | Dusty Rhodes |
| Butch Reed | Steve Williams |
| Honktonk Man | Big Bubba |
| Ted DiBiase | Mike Rotundo |
| Danny Davis | Jimmy Garvin |

WWF Tag Teams-
Brett Hart & Jim Neidhart
Tom Zenk & Rick Martel
Davey Boy Smith & Dynamite Kid
Demolition
Jim Brunzell & B.Brian Blair

NWA Tag Teams-
Manny Fernandez & Rick Rude
Nikita Koloff & Dusty Rhodes
Road Warriors
Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton
Rick Morton & Robert Gibson

| INW- Top Ten | UWF- Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Abdullah Butcher | Big Bubba Rogers |
| Steve Strong | Steve Williams |
| Gino Brito Sr | Eddie Gilbert |
| Kendo Nagasaki | Terry Taylor |
| Gino Brito Jr | Barry Windham |
| Rocky Dellasera | Dick Murdoch |
| Richard Charland | Brad Armstrong |
| Dan Kroffat | Sting |
| Pretty Boy Simms | Terry Gordy |
| Jason the Terrible | Rick Steiner |

UWF- Tag Teams
Brad Armstrong & Tim Horner
Rick Steiner & Sting
Fabulous Freebirds
Eddie Gilbert & Terry Taylor
Enforcers

Notes- Instead of continually printing the AWA Top Ten, we have decided to each month, feature a different division or league. This month is the UWF ratings. Lately, new stars have been arriving, and new teams formed. Its' first show with the NWA is the SuperBlast at the SuperDome on June 13th.

## CURT HENNIG

235 lbs
Minneapolis, MN

To tell the story of the new AWA champion one must look to the days before Super Clash II. It was April 19th at the St.Paul Civic Centre in Minneapolis when Curt Hennig turned on Greg Gagne. His new attitude brought him better prepared to battle Nick Bockwinkel at SuperClash II- and with new friends. During the match, Larry Zbyszko came to ringside and threw Hennig a roll of quarters. He decked Bockwinkel and pinned him. The belt was held up, and then presented to new AWA champ Curt Hennig.

## Ted DiBiase

and his loaded glove

The BIGGEST star to come to the WWF in years is a former Intercontinental champion by the name of TED DIBIASE. Considered by many to be in the top 10 of the entire world in pure talent, DiBiase will go far in the WWF. He debuted June 2 in Buffalo at the Wrestling Superstars taping. DiBiase was in the UWF area, but when Crockett and the NWA took over, DiBiase decided to put his wrestling career behind, and become a star in the WWF. Ted DiBiase is a star around the world. He's held titles in Japan, and many, many titles across the USA. His last WWF stint was in 1979 when he was North American champ (now called the I-C title). Hulk Hogan had better beware of the skills of Ted DiBiase.

## EDITORIAL

For the month of June 1987
by: Greg Oliver

I'm ticked off. The attitude of one local promoter really makes me sick. His selfish, arrogant ways have brought him huge amounts of money, and worldwide recognition for being the brains behind wrestling's hottest area. But he sure hasn't gotten my respect.

When I inquired about the possibility of interviews and/or photo sessions at one of his shows- he basically told me to screw off. He claimed that 'I already own my own publication. I don't need another.' When answered that his publication was biased and slanted, he stated, 'I can't help that.' I persisted that we are just trying to help inform you, the Canadian wrestling fan, he said 'They should buy our magazine.'

By now, you might have guessed who I am talking about, but I won't mention any names. Now, it must be nice to be on the top of the world. But, when you forget how you got there- with a little help from the fans- then you've crossed a boundry.

And that is all I've ever claimed to be- A FAN. A knowledgeable fan, but a fan. And I am attempting to pass my knowledge onto you, the readers, to help enhance your love for the King of Sports and to help you get more enjoyment out of professional wrestling.

For this, I should not be shot down by powerful businessman, a man who has forgotten how to love his sport. He once said- 'Wrestling will never die.' He should add 'as long as I can screw the fans around.' Some President.

NWA UWF SUPER CARD
New Orleans Superdome
June 13, 1987

INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING
Scarborough Arena
June 24th, 1987

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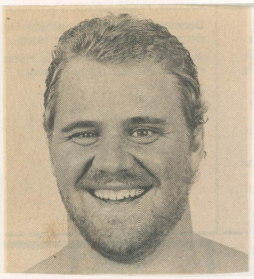

Curt Hennig has reason to smile, he's the new AWA champion.

## Rasslin' Results

NWA St.Petersburg, Florida
Eddie Graham Memorial
May 9, 1987
Ric Flair beat Dusty Rhodes by DQ... Manny Fernandez & Rick Rude beat Road Warriors by DQ... Mike Graham beat Dory Funk Jr.... Mike Rotundo beat Kevin Sullivan... Bob & Brad Armstrong beat MOD Squad... Jimmy Garvin beat Tiejho Khan... Barry Windham & Ed Gantner beat Tahitian Prince Samy & Dory Funk Jr... Jimmy Valiant beat Colt Steele...

WWF Kitchener June 1, 1987
Hercules bt. BJ Haynes in a chain match.. Demolition bt. B.Brian Blair & SD Jones... Bam Bam Bigelow bt. Paul Roma... Danny Davis bt. George Steele by DQ... Roma & Powers bt. Shadows... Hillbilly Jim bt. Mike Sharpe... Brad Rheinghans bt. Terry Gibbs...

## WILD WEST WRESTLING

A new wrestling group has started up in the Oklahoma area following the assimilation of the UWF into the NWA. It is called WILD WEST WRESTLING, and is owned by former World Class and UWF booker KEN MANTELL.
In his federation, Mantell has JOHN TATUM, JACK VICTORY, SUNSHINE, ICEMAN PARSONS, SAVANNAH JACK, WILD BILL IRWIN, the MISSING LINK, BUCK RHODELY, among others.
It will certainly be an uphill battle for this new group.

Billy Jack takes control of the postmatch brawl against Hercules.

## Letters to the Editor

For C.Gottfried who wanted to know what Dewey Robertson was doing lately, I've come upon a fact that I should have known long ago.
Dewey Robertson is still wrestling today, as the MISSING LINK! He is a star in the new Wild West Wrestling.

## BAM BAM BIGELOW

## Japanese Wrestling

Introduction by: Fred Wall

In wrestling, as in technology, Japan is way ahead of everyone else. Simply put, Japanese wrestling is fantastic, but it takes some getting used to before it can be appreciated.
The hardest thing for North American fans to get used to is that they're aren't any 'bad guys.' The crowd cheers for everyone and for every great move. Japanese fans do have favorites, but it is not uncommon to have two favorites against each other-or even feuding! The emphasis is placed on ability. Fans will also notice a lack a gimmick matches- cage, chain, etc. Athletics is the key point- not freak shows between two nutcases.
Pro wrestling is looked down upon in North American society- but in Japan- it is a high-grade for of entertainment which makes front-page news regularly. It also has prime-time, live, main event TV shows on the air! ALL-JAPAN PRO WRESTLING is one of the highest rated shows in Japan. The wrestlers themselves are revered and respected as athletes in Japan- while our wrestlers are treated as freaks.
Finally, the question is- are wrestlers athletes? After watching Japanese wrestling- it should be obvious they are. YOSHIAKI YATSU, one of Japan's finest, won his country's amateur wrestling championships WHILE STILL wrestling as a pro! He destroyed all competition, pinning everyone! He has now been asked to coach the Japaneese Olympic squad in 1988.

To be continued next month...

If you are interested, VHS Video Tapes from Japan could be lent out to you, our readers. If there is interest, we will look into prices and ways to handle the deal.
Drop us a line- what do you think?

Bam Bam Bigelow.
The name strikes fear into the hearts of most men. But for those who do tatoos for a living, they love this man. He has a fireball tatoo on his bald head, tatoos on his arms, tatoos on his legs, even tatoos on the soles of his feet!
And now, he is in the WWF.
Bam Bam is a former Mid-Southern champion, and World Class TV champ.
The WWF may never be the same.

## WWF Notes...

### Part 2...

THE MIDNIGHT ROCKERS, SEAN MICHAELS & MARTY JANNETTY, former AWA tag team champs, are coming to the WWF.
Back in the WWF after a short vacation are JUNKYARD DOG and KING KONG BUNDY.
The ISLANDERS, HAKU & TOMA have turned bad and joined BOBBY HEENAN.
PAUL ROMA & JIM POWERS are being given a big push by the WWF. They recently beat the washed up team of MAGNIFICENT MURACO & COWBOY BOB ORTON.

## WWF FANS

Now this column is not meant to be derogatory in any way to the fans of the WWF. But you have to admit, THEY ARE DIFFERENT!

The average WWF show brings in all nationalities, all ages, all types. They all end up having a great time at usually a less than mediocre show talent wise. The reason- cheering, yelling, screaming and signs.

Here are a few of the things our writers noticed at the WWF in Kitchener. One kid in the stands, about 8, had a huge Hillbilly Jim sign, picture and all. He was jumping up and down when Jim came out and when Jim finally noticed him, he smiled and tore the sign to shreds!

Iron Mike Sharpe, a great crowd player, came out yelling for the crowd to shut up- but he wasn't listening, the crowd was chanting 'Iron Mike.' Finally Mike realized what was happening, and began to plead, 'Keep going, Keep going!'

After the Hercules- Billy Jack chain match, fans were actually reaching out to touch the blood that was all over both wrestlers' foreheads!

The chant 'Kruscher Krushchev' seemed at times to put the Demolition off balance.

T-Shirts were popular, especially Jake 'the Snake' shirts. I wonder why people want to pay $14 to wear a shirt that everyone else has too.

Paul Roma got the worst verbal abuse of the night. 'Hit him with your comb.'

Danny Davis was well received. When told 'You're the best, he smugly replied 'I know.'

As you can imagine, sometimes the fans at a WWF show are better than the show itself.

## AWA NEWS

CURT HENNIG is the AWA champion as a 'bad guy.' He is currently violently feuding with GREG GAGNE. The funny thing is that the fans still cheer him wildly. This ends any rumours that Hennig was going to the WWF... The new AWA tag team champions are BORIS ZUKHOV & newcomer SOLDAT USTINOV. The future of the former champs, the MIDNIGHT ROCKERS looks very uncertain. As of press, they had not been given any rematches, or commited to staying in the AWA. The most popular team in the AWA may be leaving... The team that is receiving the title shot is JIMMY SNUKA & WAHOO McDANIEL. McDaniel was recently fired by the NWA... Gone are such stars as COL.DEBEERS, BUDDY ROSE & EARTHQUAKE FERRIS...

## WORLD CLASS

With the complete financial failure of the 4th annual DAVID VON ERICH MEMORIAL show at Texas Stadium on May 3, the World Class area seems destined for bankruptcy. The show itself was topped off by an incredibly exciting scaffold match pitting the FANTASTICS & STEVE SIMPSON against the ROCK'n'ROLL RPM's & ERIC EMBRY. The Fantastics won and laid claim to the World Class tag titles that had been held up. Embry lost the match for his team, as he was the first to fall. In other notables, BRUISER BRODY beat JEEP SWENSEN, KEVIN VON ERICH vs NORD the BARBARIAN ended in double countout. The attendance was about 8,000.

## WWF Notes...

As usual, there are monthly comings and goings to report. The most significant is ADRIAN ADONIS being fired after the WWF show on April 27 in London, Ontario.

BLACKJACK MULLIGAN has also backed his bags and left the WWF. This leaves no one to feud with RON BASS- so the WWF has signed SCOTT CASEY to fight Bass.

BAM BAM BIGELOW is also in.

PAUL ORNDORFF has temporarily retired.

DEBBIE COMBS is the area and at the most recent Madison Square Gardens card, beat FABULOUS MOOLAH by DQ.

ONE MAN GANG is being managed by SLICK.

TED DIBIASE will be coming to the WWF in the very near future.

WWF

LONDON JUNE 30, 1987
NEWMARKET JULY 1, 1987
NIAGARA FALLS JULY 5, 1987
KITCHENER JULY 22, 1987

BIG JOHN TENTA, a former sumo wrestler from Surrey, BC recently successfully began his pro wrestling career, teaming with GIANT BABA. Tenta is 6'6" and weighs 366 pounds...

BRUTUS BEEFCAKE's real name is Ed Lesie.

BAM BAM BIGELOW's WWF debut was in Kitchener on June 1st.

## Did you know that...

WWA Women's Wrestling is a new federation from New York. They call themselves POWW (Powerful Women of Wrestling). The commentator is WENDI RICHTER. The show is run by DAVID MACLEAN and DICK the BRUISER. It is a combination of GLOW (Gorgeous Ladies Of Wrestling) and the WWA (World Wrestling Association).

## NWA Happenings...

By a series of events, the NEW MIDNIGHT EXPRESS are new US tag champs. The belts were stripped from IVAN KOLOFF & DICK MURDOCH when Murdoch was suspended for attacking NIKITA KOLOFF. A tourney was then held, anad the Express beat RONNIE GARVIN & BARRY WINDHAM in the finals... LEX LUGAR & RIC FLAIR have been teaming. They call themselves the 'Dream Team.'... The Great American Bash '87 has been announced. The cards, throughout July, will be held in the biggest arenas over the USA. The opening match is BARRY WINDHAM vs. BIG BUBBA for the UWF title in Washington.

## UWF UNIVERSAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

BRAD ARMSTRONG & TIM HORNER beat STING & RICK STEINER for the UWF tag team belts on May 17th... UWF champion BIG BUBBA is being managed by SCANDOR AKBAR, the former manager of the ONE MAN GANG, the man Bubba beat for the title!... The FABULOUS FREEBIRDS are indeed staying in the area... TED DIBIASE has left for the WWF... STEVE WILLIAMS, the NO.1 contender for the UWF title, was injured by EDDIE GILBERT & DICK MURDOCH... TERRY TAYLOR is feuding with CHRIS ADAMS. Adams has been out recently with a back injury... BLACK BART is new to the UWF, as are the ENFORCERS... They are holding a tourney on June 20 to determine the new Western States champion...

## FLORIDA Championship Wrestling

The new Florida tag team champions are MIKE GRAHAM & STEVE KEIRN. They defeated the MOD SQUAD. Keirn, of course, was one half of the FABULOUS ONES, with STAN LANE, until Lane left to join the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS. Now, maybe we can look forwards to a match between the two teams... RANDY & BILL MULKEY recently beat former Florida tag team champs STEVE ARMSTRONG & TRACEY SMOTHERS... DORY FUNK JR is in the area and is being managed by SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINK... All the stars from both the World Championship area and the UWF have been touring the Florida region, along with the Florida mainstays. The FABULOUS FREEBIRDS are very popular.

## INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING

The BIG news is that International wrestling has been bought out by JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS INC., owners of the NWA. This most likely means that we will again be reguarily be seeing NWA stars across Quebec & Canada...

GINO BRITO SR. has shed the promoter mask and put on the wrestling trunks to face nemesis ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER in a series of matches... TV champ GINO BRITO JR has been training with boxing promoter TRAY TRAVIS. Travis claims 'We might just take on TYSON.' Good Luck! Brito Jr. is feuding with ROCKY DELLASERA... New tag teams are HAWAIIN PUNCH & GRAN MANDOZA and the NEW GUINEA HEADHUNTERS...

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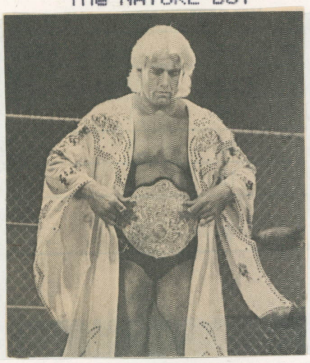
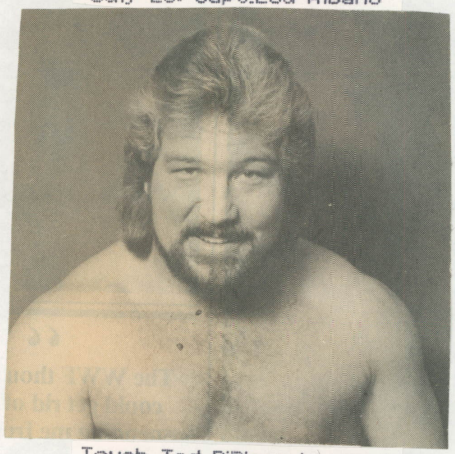


## FINALS RESULTS

**Ric Flair** NWA Champion 243 lbs.
**beat** 58%
**Hulk Hogan** WWF Champion 302 lbs.
42%

Birthdays in July:
July 4: Barry Windham
July 10: Billy Jack Haynes
July 15: Jesse Ventura
July 29: Tommy Rich
July 29: Capt.Lou Albano



Tough Ted DiBiase is rough and ready for the WWF.

# VOTE FOR the wrestling report's 2nd Annual Gumpy Looking Mug Awards August 1986 to August 1987

For the following categories, we would like you to cast your votes, along with categories which you create. Remember, the GLMA's are not meant to be serious...

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The Results to the voting will be printed in our 2nd Anniversary Edition in August.

## Categories & Canidates

**Best at Being Good Guy**
Hulk Hogan
Road Warriors
Steve Williams
Dusty Rhodes
Midnight Rockers

**Best at Being Bad Guy**
Fabulous Freebirds
Paul Orndorff
Ric Flair
Randy Savage
Larry Zbyszko

**Best Wrestler**
Ric Flair
Barry Windham
Terry Gordy
Steve Williams
Rick Steamboat

**Worst Wrestler**
Hulk Hogan
Andre the Giant
Dusty Rhodes
Abdullah Butcher
Cpl.Kirchner

**Most Improved**
Honkytonk Man
Sting
Rick Steiner
Midnight Rockers
Terry Gordy

**Best Tag Team**
Road Warriors
Hart Foundation
Midnight Rockers
Superpowers
Can-Am Connection

**Worst Tag Team**
Kamala & Sika
Superpowers
Rose & Somers
Demolition
Strong & Abdullah

**Best Brawler**
Steve Williams
Bruiser Brody
Hacksaw Duggan
Ted DiBiase
Steve Strong

**Best Flier**
Bobby Eaton
Chavo Guerrero
Rick Steamboat
Randy Savage
Barry Windham

**Overrated Wrestler**
Hulk Hogan
Dusty Rhodes
Tom Zenk
Jimmy Valiant
Scott Hall

**Underrated Wrestler**
Brett Hart
Bill Dundee
Hector Guerrero
Bobby Eaton
Ted DiBiase

**Rookie of the Year**
Owen Hart
Bam Bam Bigelow
Sting
Rick Steiner
Danny Davis

**Manager of the Year**
Floyd Creetchman
Bobby Heenan
JJ Dillon
Jim Cornette
Scandor Akbar

**Best Announcer**
Jim Ross
Jesse Ventura
Michael Hayes
Tony Schiavone
Gordon Solie

**Worst Announcer**
Vince McMahon
Gorilla Monsoon
David Crockett
Rod Trongard
Larry Nelson

## Remember

These are only suggestions. You can pick canidates for any of the categories or you can make up your own categories. Send in you votes now!

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

Ted DiBiase was supposedly offered more money to stay in the NWA, but opted for the WWF, because they promised to make his name a 'household word.' He is in as a bad guy and debuted in Buffalo June 2 at the Wrestling Superstars taping.

Missy Hyatt will not be coming to the WWF. She was in, but had a falling out with the 'powerful people' and is gone back to UWF.

Ravishing Rick Rude is rumoured to be moving to the WWF. The only problem is that he is currently one half of the NWA tag team champs...

## TOMKO

ALL-STAR WRESTLING

Yes, TOMKO wrestling is 'that stuff from Vancouver.' Stop that laughing. Since we are a Canadian newsletter, we have made an editorial decision to start covering the two other major leagues in Canada. The first, was INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING out of Montreal, the second, starting this month, is TOMKO wrestling from Vancouver. The third, starting next month, is STAMPEDE WRESTLING out of Calgary.

TOMKO has been a breeding ground for such stars as Road Warrior Hawk, the Junkyard Dog and Rocky Dellasera. The current Canadian champ in Tomko is DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS, a world-reknown tough guy wrestling. The Junior Heavyweight champ is OLE OLSEN, and the tag team title is held up as of press.

# the wrestling report

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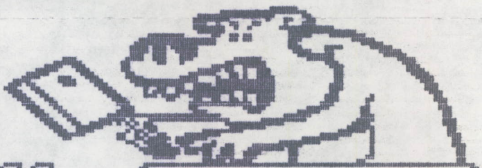

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## Rating the Superstars

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| Jason the Terrible | Ed Gantner |
| Gino Brito Sr. | Kevin Sullivan |
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| Rocky Dellasera | BJ Mulligan |
| Dan Kroffat | Ron Simmons |
| Bob Dellaserra | Mike Graham |
| Kendo Nagasaki | Shaska Whatley |
| Richard Charland | Jimmy Valiant |

Florida- Tag Teams
Sheepherders
Mike Graham & Steve Keirn
Dory Funk Jr & Prince Samu
Cuban Assassins
MOD Squad

Notes- This month's feature area is the Florida area, also a Jim Crockett Promotions run area. For years, it has been a developping grounds for up and coming stars. Now, it has shifted into a popular superstar hangout for the NWA. Florida has the most Great American Bash dates in all of Crockettland.

## Champions

## HONKYTONK MAN

255 pounds
Memphis, Tennessee
No one took him seriously, they laughed at him, and now he's WWF Intercontinental champion.

Honkytonk beat Rick Steamboat on June 2 in Buffalo to become the 12th I-C champ in history. The pinfall came about after a wild melee when manager Jimmy Hart distracted the referee and Steamboat. Honkytonk then attacked, but Steamboat rolled him up. With leverage from the ropes, Honkytonk reversed the pin and took the belt.

## THE GREAT AMERICAN BASH 87

## THE MATCHES

The feature feud of the GAB is the FOUR HORSEMEN against the SUPERPOWERS & the ROAD WARRIORS. The two teams will clash head-on in a two-ring cage match called 'The MATCH BEYOND' on July 4.

In other events, the ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS will defend their NWA tag titles against the US tag team champs, the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS.

DUSTY RHODES will face NWA TV champion TULLY BLANCHARD in a series of matches.

NWA champion RIC FLAIR will defend against many top stars including JIMMY GARVIN in a no-DQ cage match with Flair's belt up against one night with PRECIOUS.

UWF champion BIG BUBBA defends against BARRY WINDHAM, STEVE WILLIAMS and other top contenders. The match against Williams is 'Oklahoma Pride Night' in Oklahoma City.

The dispute over the Florida title with MIKE ROTUNDO vs DORY FUNK JR will be settled. The $50,000 bounty on the head of ED GANTNER might also be collected.

STING will get revenge, teaming with CHRIS ADAMS against his former manager EDDIE GILBERT and partner RICK STEINER.

LEX LUGAR will double his efforts to get NIKITA KOLOFF's United States title.

PAUL JONES, MANNY FERNANDEZ, and the RUSSIANS are once again feuding with good old JIMMY VALIANT.

BARRY WINDHAM will attempt to make the world recognize his Western States title.

And these are just SOME of the matches, the possibilites are endless...

## THE GREAT AMERICAN BASH 87

## ON TOUR

JULY 1: Lakeland, FL
JULY 2: Washington, DC
JULY 3: Richmond, VA
JULY 3: Nassau, Bahamas
JULY 4: Atlanta, GA
JULY 6: Los Angeles, CA
JULY 7: San Francisco
JULY 9: Cincinnati, OH
JULY 10: Pittsburg, PA
JULY 10: Fort Myers, FL
JULY 11: Oklahoma City
JULY 11: Greensboro, NC
JULY 12: Baltimore, MD
JULY 12: Orlando, FL
JULY 13: West Palm Beach FL
JULY 14: Key West, FL
JULY 14: Gaffney, SC

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TORONTO
JULY 18, 1987

KITCHENER
JULY 22, 1987

PETERBOROUGH
JULY 23, 1987

# Contributing Writers

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The writers would like to say that the opinions reflected in the newspaper are their own, and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the other writers or the newspaper. Also that we encourage letters, opinions and suggestions from our readers.

## This guy's a referee?!

by: Greg Oliver

I didn't mind Scott LeDoux as a referee in the AWA. He got a little carried away at times, but he usually did a good job.

But now MR.T in the WWF!

Give me a break, Gorilla!

We all knew that Danny Davis was a big scam, but it was a lot of fun. Mr.T as a ref, or having anything to do with wrestling is not fun, it make me nauseous! Maybe once he gets the belts for the Killer Bees, he'll join them as 'Killer T!' At least he might save us pain by wearing a mask! Isn't it kind of obvious that since the Hart Foundation won the belts with a paid-off ref that they'll lose by the hand of loud-mouthed, obnoxious, fan-loved, dumb referee?

## joke of the month

The joke this month is POWW, Powerful Women of Wrestling.

A vicious feud has started between a lady called 'the TERRORESS' and WENDI RICHTER.

It all started when the Terroress threw coffee in Wendi face! Oh No!

The promoters immediately signed the match for June 12 and then, inexplicably changed the date to October 10 at the Felt Forum in NYC to 'accomandate fans and the wrestlers.'

Our question is, 'Will they still hate each other in October?!'

## THE GREAT AMERICAN 87

## ON TOUR

(continued)

JULY 16: Johnson City,TN
JULY 17: Norfolk, VA
JULY 17: Tallahasse, FL
JULY 18: Charlotte, NC
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JULY 19: Chicago, IL
JULY 19: Roanoke, VA
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JULY 24: Houston, TX
JULY 24: St.Petersburg
JULY 25: Philadelphia, PA
JULY 26: Daytona Beach, FL
JULY 26: Clavaland, OH
JULY 30: Jacksonville, FL
JULY 31: Orange Bowl Miami, FL

(We're sorry for the inconvenience- there may be more that aren't listed!)

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

To first be introduced to STAMPEDE WRESTLING, you must first know who the promoter is. It is STU HART, a former wrestler and father of many wrestling sons. His sons include BRETT, OWEN, KEITH and BRUCE. The HARTS are the mainstay of Stampede Wrestling. The 'big' bad guy is MAHKAN SINGH, leader of the 'KARACHI VICE.' Young stars include JOHNNY SMITH, BEN BASSARAB, BRIAN PILLMAN, DUKE MYERS and KERRY BROWN. VETERANS include LEO BURKE, BAD NEW ALLEN, LES THORNTON and RON STARR. The top tag teams are HITO & YAMADA, two young Japaneese superstars, the VIET-CONG EXPRESS, two mysterious masked wrestlers and any combination of the Harts.

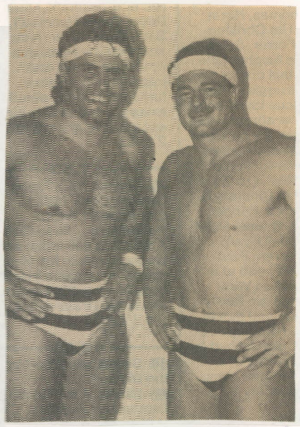
Now, these names may not mean too much to you now, but in a couple of years, under Stu Hart's training, they might turn out like some of his other proteges. In case you didn't know, he created the BRITISH BULLDOGS, trained DAN KROFFAT, STEVE STRONG, JIM NEIDHART, HONKYTONK MAN, BILLY JACK HAYNES, BUDDY ROBERTS, CARLOS COLON, RICK MARTEL, IVAN KOLOFF, ROCKY JOHNSON, SUPERSTAR GRAHAM, among others...

We will soon be starting regular reports of all the action in the Stampede area, basically co-inciding with the TSN Stampede Wrestling debut scheduled for this month.

## Rasslin' Results

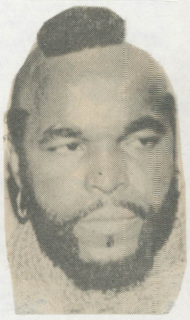
WWF TORONTO JUNE 28, 1987

B.Brian Blair won a 20-man $50,000 battle royale... Beefcake beat Johnny V... BJ Haynes beat Ron bass by DQ... Hart Foundation beat Rougeaus... Bees beat Dream Team... Bundy beat Kirchner... Hillbilly Jim beat Lombardi... Outhouse Jack beat John K9...



B.Brian Blair, member of The Killer Bees, No.1 contenders for the WWF tag team titles, recently won a Battle Royale.

MR.T
'The Enforcer.'

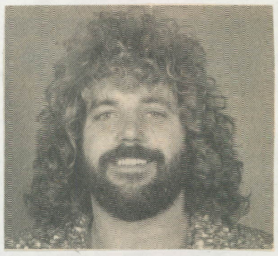


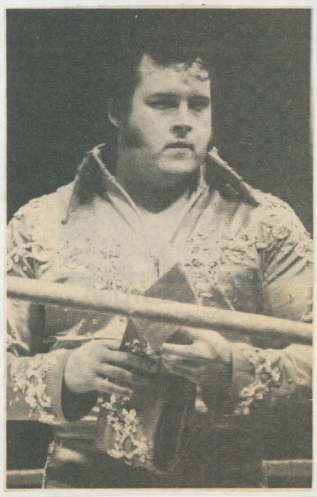
## GORGEOUS JIMMY GARVIN

CONTENDER OR PRETENDER FOR THE NWA THRONE?

We'll find out on July 11th in Greensboro North Carolina whether Gorgeous Jimmy Garvin is man enough to defeat 'the Nature Boy' Ric Flair for the NWA world title when his valet (and wife!) Precious is at stake. The feud has been building for months and recently in a tag team match with his brother Ronnie against Lex Luger and Ric Flair, Jimmy pinned Flair with Ronnie doing the mock count. This is the best chance Jimmy Garvin will ever get to capture the world's most coveted wrestling title- inside a steel cage to a finish.

Will Gorgeous Jimmy survive?





The Honkytonk Man, new WWF Intercontinental champion and product of Stu Hart's Stampede Wrestling.

# EDITORIAL

For the month of July 1987
by: Serge Solski

End of the Road (Warriors)

I still cringe when I hear 'Iron Man', whether on the radio or in the arena. I know that it signals the entrance of the two meanest wrestlers in the world today. Hawk and Animal can beat the hell out of anybody they want and could claim every title as their own- but why don't they? Well, because they've become money-hungry empty shells of professional athletes. Instead of taking on the champions, winning the belts and being the best, they would rather venture to Japan where they are a BIG attraction, and get paid BIG BUCKS to beat up on fat Japaneese construction workers. It's not a bad idea considering they are All-Japan International tag team champs (there's something to be proud about!) In my opinion, the most challenge they'll ever get out of a Japanese wrestler is if he comes in his Toyota and runs them over. To tell the truth, I'd pay big bucks to see Hawk and Animal get ever for Pearl Harbour.

Larry Holmes once said 'Who wants to be hit in the face for free?' But the Warriors have so much to fight for... Ranked number one in the world, for the Warriors to regain their past greatness, they must first sign a full contract with the NWA, the best wrestling organization in the world. This would not allow them to go to Japan, thereby no more easy paydays. They should also take a neutral stand-point, challenge the Rock'n'Roll Express for the NWA tag belts while still fighting the likes of the Midnight Express. If this does not happen, only die-hard Warrior fans, like me, will remember the old days...

## AWA NEWS

AWA champ CURT HENNIG is scheduled to meet such top ranked stars as WILDCAT WENDELL COOLEY, The KING JERRY LAWLER, GREG GAGNE, and 'AWA Rookie of the Year' JEFF JARRETT during the upcoming months... The reason for these new competitors is that the AWA is now working in conjuction with the Memphis area (JERRY LAWLER, AUSTIN IDOL, TOMMY RICH), the Continental area (DUTCH MANTEL, ADRIAN STREET, WENDELL COOLEY) and the Central States area (BULLDOG BROWN, PORKCHOP CASH, EARTHQUAKE FERRIS) and possibly the Portland area (RIP OLIVER, MIKE MILLER). This is, unquestionably, a huge step forward for the struggling AWA. Bright days ahead?..

## TOMKO

ALL-STAR WRESTLING

After successfully defending his All-Star Canadian title against J.R. BUNDY in a cage match, DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS claimed that he was the new All-Star World champ. He said 'I am not the Canadian champion. Canada stinks. I am the world's champ!' Promoter AL TOMKO came in and said that Flowers could not give up the Canadian belt, and that he must defend it against a liscensced competitor. Flowers ended up facing his manager JONATHON SAYERS. The match, to say the least, was a folly, and Sayers is the new Canadian champ... RICK DAVIS captured the Canadian JR. title by defeating OLE OLSON... BRUISER COSTAS is back after Tim Flowers. A new masked team is in the area, the A-TEAM, consisting of FROG and ATOMIC KID.

## WWF Notes...

The HONKYTONK MAN won the I-C belt from RICK STEAMBOAT... Mean MR.T has been hired by the WWF to act as a special referee... The DINGO WARRIOR, a former World Class Texas and tag team champion, will be coming to the area... The KILLER BEES attack on the HART FOUNDATION has swung into high gear. The two teams are scheduled to meet in a series of matches with MR.T as referee... KING KONG BUNDY, PAUL ORNDORFF, HARLEY RACE and HERCULES recently ganged up to whip KEN PATERA... SUPERSTAR BILLY GRAHAM (who's operation was almost a year ago) will be returning...

JERRY LAWLER is being sued for $10,000 by a fan who claims that Lawler spit on him!

ED WHALEN, announcer for Stampede Wrestling, and news magazine Pro Wrestling Plus quit from the sport in 1983, claiming that wrestling had become too violent!

## Did you know that...

Canadian WWF referees JOHN BONNELLO and TERRY YORKSTON were both at one time pro wrestlers! Neither attained any notable championship status. The original SHIEK once won a match in the Maple Leaf Gardens against STAN STASIAK by using a ladies shoe that had been thrown at him by a ringside patron!

## NWA Happenings...

The ROCK'n'ROLL EXPRESS have regained the NWA tag team titles from RICK RUDE & MANNY FERNANDEZ... Rude has left the NWA... PAUL JONES has hired IVAN KOLOFF & VLADIMIR PETROV into his stable... The Rock'n'Rolls are having a great feud with the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS again this summer... The $100,000 Match between DUSTY RHODES & TULLY BLANCHARD for the NWA TV title ended when JJ DILLON left with all the money and Dusty was counted out while attempting to catch Dillon... KENDALL WINDHAM & the SOUTHERN BOYS (TRACEY SMOTHERS & STEVE ARMSTRONG) have been appearing on the main circuit...

## UWF UNIVERSAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

BARRY WINDHAM won the tournament for the the newly created WESTERN STATES title... TERRY TAYLOR, former UWF TV and tag team champion, was involved in a serious car accident in late June. He is out indefinitely... The feud bewteen STEVE 'Dr.Death' WILLIAMS and 'Capt. Redneck' DICK MURDOCH has reached huge proportions following Dr.Death's return... STING has left EDDIE GILBERT's stable, and is now a 'good guy' and tag team partner of CHRIS ADAMS... The LIGHTNING EXPRESS, TIM HORNER & BRAD ARMSTRONG look very impressive as the tag team champions... MISSY HYATT has returned to the area, most likely to do a talkshow segment each week...

## FL-O-RIDA Championship Wrestling

The SHEEPHERDERS, with a little help from their flag-carrier, JOHNNY ACE, have won the Florida tag title from STEVE KEIRN & MIKE GRAHAM... With an attack on old foe DORY FUNK JR. BLACKJACK MULLIGAN has returned to the Florida wrestling scene. He has now firmly planted himself on the side of Florida champion MIKE ROTUNDO... TERRY FUNK will soon be coming to the area to help his brother... The $50, 000 bounty put on the head of ED GANTNER by SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINK has brought such stars as BIG BUBBA and ARN ANDERSON to the area to take on Gantner... A new tag team in the area is the CUBAN ASSASSINS...

## INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING

THE ROAD WARRIORS will be in the area for the summer on a sporadic basis. Look for them to face off against CREETCHMAN's crew... From the Puerto Rico wrestling scene, we get EL GRAN MENDOZA a former WWC North American tag champ, JASON the TERRIBLE, former WWC TV champ, and returning to International is BOB DELLA SERRA... In a recent match, GINO BRITO SR. suplexed and slammed ABDULLAH the BUTCHER. Brito was awarded the match when Abdullah threw powder... STEVE STRONG has been teaming reguarily with DAN KROFFAT in the wake of ARMAND ROUGEAU's back injury. They are proving to be very successful...

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Best Wrestler
Worst Wrestler
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Best at Being a Bad Guy
Most Overrated Wrestler
Most Underrated Wrestler
Best Brawler
Best Flier
Best Tag Team
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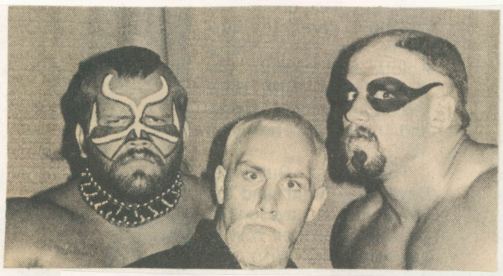

Can the Road Warriors regain their Killer Instinct in International Wrestling?

## Jacques Rougeau assaults student

Jacques Rougeau, WWF wrestler, has been found guilty of assualt against a university student on the night of January 28, 1986 in Montreal. Rougeau's lawyer convinced the judge to release his client from all charges because 'a criminal record would make it impossible for Jacques to continue his career as a travelling professional wrestler.'

Birthdays in August:
August 5: Sweet Stan Lane
August 11: Hulk Hogan
August 12: Terry Taylor
August 14: Eddie Gilbert
August 24: Vince McMahon Jr
August 25: Ivan Koloff
August 27: Sgt.Slaughter

## History Corner

'A look at wrestling history in Canada.'

NWA TORONTO
EXHIBITION STADIUM
JULY 10, 1983
NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS

NWA Champion
Harley Race beat
Ric Flair by DQ

Canadian Champion
Angelo Mosca beat One Man Gang
US Champion Greg Valentine
against Wahoo McDaniel ended in
a double counout
Great Kabuki beat Jimmy Valiant
NWA Tag Team Champions
Rick Steamboat & Jay Youngblood
beat Dory Funk Jr & Jake Roberts
World Ladies Champion Fabulous
Moolah beat Princess Victoria

## Japanese Wrestling Part 2

Introduction by: Fred Wall

Japan is split into two men's groups, NEW JAPAN PRO WRESTLING and ALL JAPAN PRO WRESTLING. Here is a look at the top stars of today in Japan.

ANTONIO INOKI- the owner of New Japan. He is over-the-hill, but still capable. He defeated LEON SPINKS in October. Also holds victories over Hogan (pinfall) and Andre (submission).
RIKI CHOSHU- Most popular by far. Very talented. Former All-Japan PWF champ until vacated title to go to New Japan.
KEIJI MUTO- Hottest young star with unbelievable repertoire. Was WHITE NINJA in Florida. New-Japan.
JUMBO TSURUTA- Crafty, talented veteran with All-Japan. Former AWA champion. Very successful tag partner with GENICHIRO TENRYU.
TIGER MASK- Not the same as the former WWF Lightweight champ, but All Japan's superior acrobatic master.
NOBUHIKO TAKADA- An extremely rough, fast wrestler with amazing kicks. Respected by everyone. New Japan.
TATSUMI FUJINAMI- Maybe the very best in all wrestling. Knows every possible move and some impossible ones. Very charismatic and popular. The original 'Dragon.' Has beaten all major stars. New Japan.
SHIRO KOSHINAKA- Rising New-Japan star. Fantastic flier. Feuded with TAKADA in '86 but now they are a team that can make the ROAD WARRIORS look like DEMOLITION.
SHUNJI TAKANO- The AWA's Super Ninja. Great when allowed to show his stuff.

Next month read about the major american stars in Japan. Believe me, they do not compare the Japanese.
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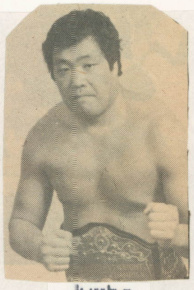
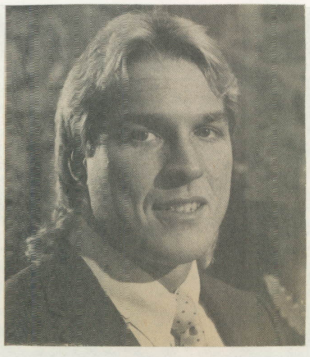
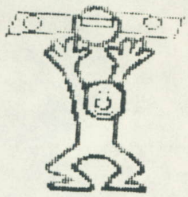


Jumbo Tsuruta

## Terry Taylor in car accident

Terry Taylor, young UWF superstar was seriously injured in a car accident in late June. Details at the moment are sketchy, but one thing is certain, the wrestling world has lost one of the best. Recently, in the UWF, Taylor had turned on all the fans that had loved him for so long by joining up with Eddie Gilbert. Though many criticized his new style, everyone agreed that he made a great bad guy and still was an excellent wrestler. His departure will leave a serious hole in the UWF, as he was being promoted as their top heel. Maybe one day Taylor will return to the squared circle. Until that day, the wrestling world will lack his charisma and style.





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To the Subscribers,

I hate to have to write this, but the August 1987 Anniversary Edition may be our last. Let me explain.

Now I'm sixteen years old, and I put the entire newsletter together using my computer each month. I must thank Serge, Jason and Fred for all their help, because without them, I wouldn't have any other articles or as much news without them.

The problem is not me, I would never just give up on the Wrestling Report. It is my creation and my contribution to better society. I love wrestling and I am very proud of what we have done with our newsletter. The problem is my parents. They do not understand my love for wrestling and my willingness to go out of my way to provide news coverage for others. They do not think that the newsletter has any future, that wrestling is warping my mind, etc. Now for months I've been fighting them off, showing the improvements we've made, the list of subscribers, and the like. I don't know how much longer I can hold on.

This is where you, the subscribers can help. First, I've enclosed three of our flyers with your paper. All I ask is that you give them to friends with a recommendation to order a subscription to our newsletter so that they too can be informed on all the events in Canadian pro wrestling.
Second, we need your letters, with your support. We need proof that people appreciate what we are doing.

I do not want to give up the Wrestling Report. I hope that I don't have to.

Thank you for your support.

Concerned for wrestling,

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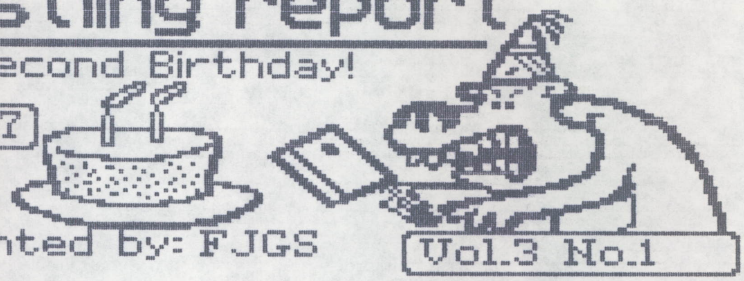
It's our second Birthday!



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| Bad News Allen | Nick Bockwinkel |
| Angel of Death | Greg Gagne |
| Keichi Yamada | Larry Zbyszko |
| Kerry Brown | Austin Idol |
| Duke Myers | Adrian Adonis |
| Ron Starr | Wahoo McDaniel |
| Brian Pillman | DJ Peterson |
| Makhan Singh | Kevin Kelly |
| Mr.Hito | Tommy Rich |

AWA- Tag Teams
Boris Zukhov & Soldat Ustinov
Wahoo McDaniel & DJ Peterson
Dennis Condrey & Randy Rose
Kevin Kelly & Doug Somers
Ninja Go & Super Ninja

Notes- This month we have dropped International ratings in favour of Stampede wrestling. Our feature region is the slowly improving AWA. Over the last few months, the AWA has been getting in the news with their attempt to regain some of their past greatness. We wish them success in their attempts.

JULY 11, 1987 WAS THE NIGHT FOR THE

## STEVE WILLIAMS

265 pounds Tulsa, OK

July 11th was 'Oklahoma Pride Night' in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with Dusty Rhodes bull-roped at ringside to Scandor Akbar, when Steve 'Dr.Death' Williams, a product of Oklahoma University, won the UWF heavy-weight title from Big Bubba Rogers. For the first time since the UWF title was created, there is a champion that the fans can be proud of. Williams won the match with his famous 'Oklahoma Stampede.' The victory is the final step in a comeback by Williams following a broken arm suffered at the hands of Dick Murdoch and Eddie Gilbert in May. Look for his primary challenges to come from Murdoch, Gilbert, Terry Taylor and Big Bubba. Undoubtedly, this UWF title is the greatest achievement in the career of Steve 'Dr.Death' Williams, and it should put to rest any criticism in regards to his ability to win a major title.

## LEX LUGER

268 pounds Chicago, IL

'The Total Package' Lex Luger now comes complete with the United States heavy-weight title as of July 11th in Greensboro, North Carolina. It was there that he beat 'the Russian Nightmare' Nikita Koloff in a cage for the coveted US belt. The match was typical of the two strong men, full of tests of strengths, and power moves. The end came about when Nikita accidentaly sickled the referee. Luger's manager, JJ Dillon threw a chair to Lex, who then hit Nikita, and put him in a backbreaker. The referee ended the match when he woke up. The feud, will most likely in the upcoming months, increase in ferocity and spread like wildflower.

## SHERRI MARTEL

132 pounds New Orleans, LA

There can now be little doubt as to who the leading lady in North American ladies wrestling is now. The new World Wrestling Federation Ladies champion is the young, talented and obnoxious Sherri Martel. Though many dislike Martel, you have to give her credit- nearly two years as AWA Ladies champion, defeating some of the best from around the world and now defeating the greatest ladies champion of all time, the Fabulous Moolah, for the oldest women's title- Martel is one of the very best around today. The entire scenario as to her departure from the AWA and entrance to the WWF is cloudy, but it appears that the AWA ladies title has been retired for the time being. Sherri Martel prides herself on her ability to wrestle, unlike some ladies today who bank on twisted steel and sex appeal.

# THANKS TO OUR READERS #1

FROM the wrestling report

## Thanks to the readers

Thank you to all of the readers of the Wrestling Report for your efforts in keeping the Wrestling Report going. It's been a great two years. I can confidently say that there will be a September 1987 edition, but from there, it is up to you.

For this reason, we are running a contest to boost circulation. From what I've read in letters that you've sent me, you too would like to see the Wrestling Report continue. Below are excerpts from some of the letters that I've received. Thank you all for taking time to write, and I hope to hear from all of you again.

A special thanks goes out to the Kitchener-Waterloo Record and our readers there (they know who they are!). It seems that the K-W Record picked up on my plea to the subscribers to keep the Wrestling Report going, and they did a very flattering article on my efforts. Reproduced below is the article without the photo. The photo was pretty big and nicely done, but I just don't feel right about putting myself in my paper (It's hard to explain!)

Again, thanks so much to everyone and I hope that together we can keep the Wrestling Report doing what it does best- reporting!

## Down for the count

Teen resists parent's ultimatum on wrestling magazine

by: Jennifer Kelly K-W Record Staff

Greg Oliver insists his mind has'nt been warped by professional wrestling.

His parents aren't so sure.

And although the Kitchener family isn't likely to resort to head butts, piledrivers or body slams over Oliver's passion for the sport, Jim and Shirley Oliver of Penrose Avenue hope their 16-year old son will throw in the towel in the family disagreement over a wrestling newsletter he has published for nearly two years.

Greg is in one corner, insisting his newsletter provides a useful service.

Mom & Dad say it takes up too much time and is not generating new readers or or profits.

"It's tough being a parent," Jim Oliver said "There's quite a debate going on."

The problem is that the circulation of the 35-cent paper hasn't climbed above 80 copies a month.

"My mom and dad have really been getting on my case about it. I love the sport, why not write about something you love? I think they're confused."

"We think it's a good idea, but like anything else, you have to do other things." Jim said. The Olivers are proud of their son's diligence and glad he's learned about running a business, doing interviews and keeping records.

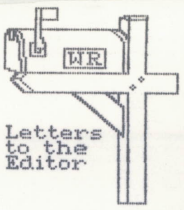
If the debate heats up in the Oliver household, odds are that the Wrestling Report will be allowed to go the extra rounds.

"We're not that tough," Jim Oliver said.

Notes: Remember that this was only excerpts from the article. Unfortunately, it was too big to put into the space I had allowed it.

Also: Sorry about this edition being sent out so late. I needed a vacation.

Greg.




Letters to the Editor

'I find the Wrestling Report refreshing, informative, accurate and well ahead of the major magazines. It is nice to read about new developments in the world of wrestling way ahead of the big magazines. Your publication seems to be one step (maybe two) ahead of everyone else. Thank you and keep up the good work.'

Becky Brown
London

GO: This is one thing that we are trying to achieve with the WR. Accurate news as it happens.

'Tell your parents to go for a soda. You're not the only demented young man around, we should all stick together. Tell them that Premier David Peterson accompanied his son to the CNE show and several MLG shows.'

Chris Upwood Mississauga

GO: Chris, you forgot about all those 'demented' young women also. Another thing, do you think Premier Peterson's visit to wrestling will hurt his re-election campaign?

'Parents have a hard time understanding how someone can become so dedicated to this crazy business. I think doing a newsletter shows industry, dedication, and a willingness to work for something for which the rewards are not immediately apparent. I am sure that you have learned skills which will benefit you later in life. Most 16 year olds don't have the initiative it takes for something like this. I wish you the best of luck.'

Name and Address Withheld

GO: Thank you for the compliments, whoever you are.

'My husband and I were very surprised when we read your 'Letter to the Subscribers'. We are upset and hope that your parents will reconsider and let you continue printing the newsletter.'

Mr & Mrs W.Cottrell Cambridge

'I love reading your newsletter. I have just finished watching Pro Wrestling Plus and I heard your name on Fan Forum. I never knew you were only 16. I think it's incredible what you're doing for us wrestling fans. I think that you're right about Canadian wrestling fans being locked in the cold. I think your All-Canadian product is great. Congradulations to your friends also.'

Mike Hancock Georgetown

'I hope that your report continues because without it I would know nothing of the NWA because of the poor television coverage.'

Angelo Terrana Stoney Creek

## Contributing Writers

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The writers would like to say that the opinions reflected in the newspaper are their own, and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the other writers or the newspaper. Also that we encourage letters, opinions and suggestions from our readers.

## the wrestling report

Rules & Regulations

This contest is a chance for YOU, the readers, to win prizes while at the same time, keep the Wrestling Report going.

For each subscription you send in credited to your name, your name will be put into a hat for a chance at the prizes. To help you with this subscription drive, enclosed are flyers for the Wrestling Report, each numbered so that we know who gets credit for that particular subscription. To win, you will have to sell new subscriptions to the Wrestling Report to your friends and to other wrestling fans.

## Subscription Contest

Prizes

1st Prize- A VHS Video Tape featuring whatever wrestling area that you would like (ex. Florida, UWF, Japan) For example, if you won, and asked for Japan, you would get to see matches like Davey Boy Smith vs Dynamite Kid. On a UWF tape, you would get to see many brawls with the Fabulous Freebirds Ted DiBiase, Steve Williams and more. The value of such a tape is inestimable.

2nd Prize- Advancement of your subscription to the Wrestling Report for 9 months. Value- $8.00

Contest Ends- December 1, 1987

Good Luck to all contestants!!

# EDITORIAL

For the month of August 1987

God, how I love this sport.
by: Greg Oliver

It's so hard for non-wrestling fans to understand. I don't even fully understand my love for this sport, but this month I am going to try my best to explain.

It's the classic battle between the forces of good and evil, it's the test of athletic skills, man vs man, it's the faces of the children, it's the power of Hulkamania, it's sitting exhausted after watching another Barry Windham/Ric Flair time limit draw, it's watching the rookie learn the ropes the hard way, its the prelims getting the big push, it's explaining who the Mulkeys are, it's the obnoxious managers, the pretty boys, the babyfaces, the heels, the brawlers, the aerial acrobats, the musclemen, the athletes, the promoters, the promotions, the announcers, the gimmicks, the shows, the screaming fans at ringside, the autograph hounds, the hecklers, it's standing in line for those special tickets, it's the history, it's uncovering those little known facts about today's top stars, it's the feeling of accomplishment when I finish the newest edition of the Wrestling Report, it's the satisfaction of a subscription renewal, it's reading a letter to the editor...

It's all of this and so much more. It's existed for years, and it will be around for many more, and even if you don't understand my point of view, it should definitely be more obvious now why they call Professional Wrestling the King of Sports!

# THIS IS THE WWF

by:Greg Oliver

Once again, people are going looney in the World Wrestling Federation. The reason- the big guys have opened the vaults for an influx of new talent. Here's my look at some of their acquisitions.

BAM BAM BIGELOW- The WWF sure is making a big deal of Bam Bam. So what if he's over 300 pounds and can dropkick. At his debut WWF match, he was reportedly seen at the local Dairy Queen both before and after the match. It is obvious where his paycheck goes- and it's not towards his wardrobe!

RAVISHING RICK RUDE- A total opposite to Bigelow, very concerned with his looks and an incredible physical specimen. Not very charismatic individually though- with Bobby Heenan he'll get his title shots but won't win the belt.

'THE MILLION DOLAR MAN' TED DIBIASE- He had his price, and the WWF paid even more. How else can you explain DiBiase being willing to make a fool of himself. Give the WWF credit- it's a good gimmick, but they shouldn't have wasted such an excellent talent on it.

VIRGIL- Formerly SOUL TRAIN JONES in Mid-Southern wrestling. Say no more.

ONE MAN GANG- It was fun in the UWF watching Tubby bouce his title around, but in the WWF with Slick, he sure won't be handed any championship belts.

DAN KROFFAT- Bad career move. He'll end up like 'Don't Mess Up My Hair' Paul Roma.

DINGO WARRIOR- No man who wears face paint and has decorations hanging from his armpits is going to make a name for himself in the WWF!

DAVID SAMMARTINO- I'll bet he won't last more than 3 months this time.

KILLER KHAN- He obviously is suffering from some incurable stomach disease. How else can you explain those faces he makes? Maybe one day he'll kneedrop himself and disappear.

SAM HOUSTON- Poor kid. So much potential. So bright of a future. And he throws it away to make big bucks in the WWF losing.

JOSE ESTRADA- Popular Puerto Rican. WWF preliminary.

MIDNIGHT ROCKERS- This is a special case. If the Rockers decide to stay in the WWF, they will undoubtedly be WWF tag team champions. Do they have the patience to fight the prelims? Does Vince have the patience to deal with immature brats? In all the WWF has been a pretty boring place the last few months, but when these stars find their niche, it may change.

# Japanese Wrestling Part 3

Introduction
by: Fred Wall

North Americans in Japan.

Many North Americans tour Japan but few are capable of keeping up with the high-flying Japanese. Some of the regulars are:

BRUISER BRODY- possibly the biggest foreign star ever in Japan. He once pinned ANDRE the GIANT there, and he has held almost all the Japanese titles.

STAN HANSEN: much wilder in Japan.

ROAD WARRIORS: The current top draw in Japan although their appearances are limited. Their popularity probaly will not last due to their actual lack of wrestling talent.

RICK MARTEL- He may be able to regain his popularity there with the demise of the CAN-AM CONNECTION. His success there is due to his tremendous talent.

STEVE WILLIAMS- May soon surpass the Road Warriors in drawing power due to his powerhouse style and very under-estimated wrestling talent.

DICK MURDOCH- Not as good as he used to be, but he is still one of the best heels in the business.

TED DIBIASE- Was in an incredibly successful tag team with Stan Hansen. Great talent will most likely now go to waste in the WWF.

BRITISH BULLDOGS- The Bulldogs were HUGE in Japan before their entrance to the WWF. DYNAMITE KID's feud with the old TIGER MASK is possibly the greatest feud of all time.

SUMMARY: Professional wrestling in Japan is the roughest and most entertaining in the world today. It features the greatest athletes in the greatest matches. It just doesn't get any better than this!

Here are the top 10 wrestlers in Japan.

1. NOBUHIKO TAKADA (better than FLAIR?)
2. TATSUMI FUJINAMI
3. RIKI CHOSHU
4. AKIRA MAEDA
5. TIGER MASK (new)
6. SHIRO KOSHINAKA
7. KUNIAKI KOBAYSHI
8. KEIJI MUTOH
9. GENICHIRO TENRYU
10. HIRO SAITO

If you don't believe some of the things I've written about over the last three issues, then you have never seen Japanese wrestling before. To these people, and anyone else who is interested, I am offering to lend out some of my Japanese wrestling VHS tapes.

If you are interested, write to the Wrestling Report or me

FRED WALL
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I hope that you enjoyed my look at professional wrestling in Japan.

EDITOR's NOTES: May I recommend strongly that if you have never seen Japanese wrestling, that you should immediately get a hold of Fred Wall to get him to lend you a video tape. He converted me into a Japanese wrestling lover, and it might happen to you too.

# I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

The ROAD WARRIORS are reportedly going to hit the road. Rumours are circulating as to a return to the AWA in late August...

ROWDY RODDY PIPER is rumoured to be preparing to come out of retirement for a triumphant return to the WWF.

BIG JOHN STUDD should also be back soon.

While RICK STEAMBOAT is on vacation, the rumours have been flying as to his future. Many say that he will retire from the sport again. Others say that he will leave the WWF for the NWA or possibly the AWA. And still others say that he will be back in the WWF soon.

## National Wrestling Alliance Champions
(January 24, 1963 - present)

Ric Flair
August 9, 1986 -
Dusty Rhodes
July 26, 1986 - August 9, 1986
Ric Flair
May 24, 1984 - July 26, 1986
Kerry Von Erich
May 6, 1984 - May 24, 1984
Ric Flair
November 24, 1983 - May 6, 1984
Harley Race
June 10, 1983 - November 24, 1983
Ric Flair
September 17, 1981 - June 10, 1983
Dusty Rhodes
June 21, 1981 - September 17, 1981
Harley Race
May 1, 1981 - June 21, 1981
Tommy Rich
April 27, 1981 - May 1, 1981
Harley Race
September 10, 1980 - April 27, 1981
Shohei Baba
September 4, 1980 - September 10, 1980
Harley Race
November 7, 1979 - September 4, 1980
Shohei Baba
October 31, 1979 - November 7, 1979
Harley Race
August 26, 1979 - October 31, 1979
Dusty Rhodes
August 21, 1979 - August 26, 1979
Harley Race
February 6, 1977 - August 21, 1979
Terry Funk
December 10, 1976 - February 6, 1977
Jack Brisco
December 9, 1974 - December 10, 1976
Shohei Baba
December 2, 1974 - December 9, 1974
Jack Brisco
July 20, 1973 - December 2, 1974
Harley Race
May 24, 1973 - July 20, 1973
Dory Funk Jr.
February 11, 1969 - May 24, 1973
Gene Kiniski
January 9, 1966 - February 11, 1969
Lou Thesz
January 24, 1963 - January 9, 1966
Buddy Rogers
June 30, 1961 - January 24, 1963

Note: Buddy Rogers' loss of the NWA World title caused tremendous controversy as it ended after only one fall. This controversy led some Northeastern US promoters to break from the NWA and create the WWF.

## RANDY SAVAGE- GOOD GUY?

It has happened again. Like Roddy Piper and Jake Roberts before him, Randy Savage, through no fault of his own, is being cheered wildly by the fans of the WWF. And there really isn't any reason for it.

He hasn't begun preaching.
He hasn't kissed any babies.
He hasn't even smiled.
He is still the same Randy Savage.

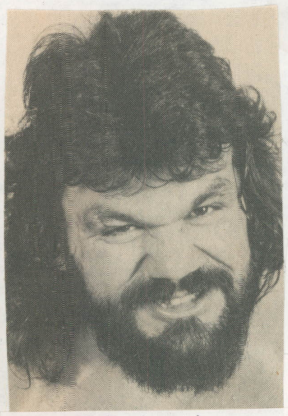
One day not so long ago, Randy Savage must have woken up and decided to begin wrestling bad guys.

It was a good move.

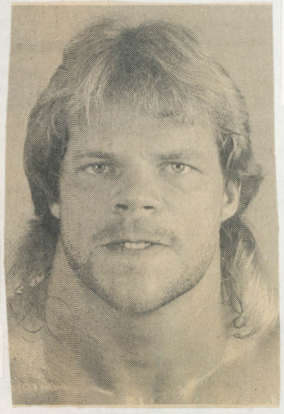
Savage is now the No.1 contender for the I-C title, which he calls 'his title.' His career, which for a brief period following his title loss, had lost direction is now back on track, thanks to the cheers of the fans and the new competition he is facing.

The new Randy Savage is here.
Watch out.
It might not take long for the old Randy Savage to come back.

New WWF Ladies Champion, Sherri Martel



New UWF champion, Steve 'Dr.Death' Williams



New US Champion 'The Total Package' Lex Luger

## NORTH AMERICAN WRESTLING ALLIANCE

A new Canadian wrestling promotion has started up called the North American Wrestling Alliance. Their first show was in Saskatoon in July featuring Bruiser Brody vs Dr.D David Shutlz

The mainstay of the NAWA will be lightweight competitors. This will most likely prove to be very exciting and will get rid of the bulky heavyweights who sometimes fail to muster enough energy to put on a good show.

One of the lightweights is a veteran of Stampede Wrestling, Ben Bassarab.

The promotion will also bring in the big name independant wrestlers, such as Bruiser Brody, Abdullah the Butcher, Jimmy Snuka and Nord the Barbarian to sell the tickets for the shows.

Good luck NAWA!

## joke of the month

Think hard.
Very hard.
When was the last time that you saw BRUISER BRODY pinned?
Most people cannot remember a time when Brody was legally pinned.
Until now.
Just recently, King Kong Bruiser Brody was pinned by his arch-rival ABDULLAH the BUTCHER!
This brings up another question-
when was the last time you saw Abdullah the Butcher pin anyone legally?!

## NWA Happenings...

The GREAT AMERICAN BASH is over for another year. Let's see what happened... The new US champion is LEX LUGER. He beat NIKITA KOLOFF on July 11 in Greensboro, NC... NWA World champion RIC FLAIR finished this year's Bash with his belt, but he may live for the rest of this year. During the month he turned back the challenges of both RONNIE & JIMMY GARVIN, DUSTY RHODES, MIKE ROTUNDO and others. At the Chicago Bash on July 19 where Flair was to defend against ROAD WARRIOR ANIMAL, there was a near riot when before the match, the FOUR HORSEMEN attacked Animal and hung him from the ropes using Animal's own leather ring entrance outfit...
The NEW BREED, CHRIS CHAMPION & SEAN ROYALE, were involved in a car accident in early July. They are expected back this fall... The ROAD WARRIORS are feuding with IVAN KOLOFF & VLADIMIR PETROV over the Japanese International tag team belts... During the War Games, the FOUR HORSEMEN introduced a masked man named THE WAR MACHINE. This 'Machine' is supposedly an expert at wrestling speciality matches such as the War Games, a two-ring cage match where the teams send in members one by one... In all, this year's Great American Bash was a huge success. Attendance was reported as tremendous at almost every show. With the Great American Bashes getting bigger and better each year, one might begin to wonder what the NWA is going to do to in an effort to top this year's show!

## AWA NEWS

ADORABLE ADRIAN ADONIS has returned to the AWA area with PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY as his new manager. Adonis was an AWA tag team champion back in 1982...
A new, exciting tag team in the area is the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS. Now this version of the Midnight Express is comprised of DENNIS CONDREY, one half of the original Midnights and RANDY ROSE. The team is also managed by Paul E. Dangerously. Dangerously is new to the main circuit. He used to manage AUSTIN IDOL in Memphis... TOMMY RICH has been wrestling on the main AWA circuit- as a good guy! Little explanation has been given as to why all of a sudden, he has turned good- again... JIMMY SNUKA and SHERRI MARTEL have both left the AWA...

## FL☼RIDA Championship Wrestling

One of the strangest teams to come out of Florida in years is KEVIN SULLIVAN and BLACKJACK MULLIGAN. The two (former?) enemies have joined forces to battle the likes of PRINCE SAMU & DORY FUNK JR...
The CUBAN ASSASSINS, a new tag team in the area, recently had an incredible match against the NWA tag champions, the ROCK'n'ROLL EXPRESS that ended in a double DQ... BUGSY McGRAW has returned to the Florida area... Florida champion MIKE ROTUNDO's biggest challenges as of late have been coming from IVAN KOLOFF... The BLACK ASSASSIN is new to the area. He is partner to the strange INCUBUS...

## UWF UNIVERSAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

The new UWF champion is STEVE WILLIAMS. He beat BIG BUBBA ROGERS using his Oklahoma Stampede, a move where he picks up and carries his opponent on his shoulder from one end of the ring to the other and then power slams him. Undoubtly, his Stampede of the 400poundplus Bubba, proves that Williams may be the strongest man in wrestling... MISSY HYATT has been doing color commentary on UWF brodcasts... RON SIMMONS will be wrestling on the UWF circuit... TERRY TAYLOR, recovering from his car accident, has been on TV claiming that he never was in an accident, and that the fans should be sending money instead of get well cards...

## WWF Notes...

SHERRI MARTEL beat the FABULOUS MOOLAH for the WWF Ladies title...
So you want to know who's going to manage BAM BAM BIGELOW, eh? Well, to no one's surprise, it is not a current WWF manager. Signed to manage Bigelow is SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINK, a classy manager who has had his stable out of Florida the last few years. Humperdink also is a great colour commentator. The question is whether or not they will promote Bigelow as a good or bad guy...
TOM ZENK, formerly one half of the CAN-AM CONNECTION, has quit professional wrestling. He obviously has a valid reason, but he has neglected to let anyone know about it. This gives the WWF opportunity to really tear apart Zenk, calling him a quitter, etc. This also gives RICK MARTEL a chance to wrestle on his own while he looks for a new partner.
Most recently, he has teamed with TITO SANTANA in matches against the ISLANDERS
DAVID SAMMARTINO has returned to the WWF, a little lighter and with blond hair!
RAVISHING RICK RUDE has taken on BOBBY HEENAN as his manager.
DAN KROFFAT is in the WWF.
The team of the MAGNIFICENT MURACO and COWBOY BOB ORTON recently had the long awaited break-up of their team. Look for Muraco to be promoted as the innocent one in this feud.
SUPERSTAR BILLY GRAHAM is feuding with 'The Natural' BUTCH REED. The feud began when Reed attacked Graham during a pose down competition.

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

BIG JOHN TENTA, the former Japanese Sumo wrestler from British Columbia has been appearing on recent brodcasts of the Tomko show. Though he is not yet very experienced at pro wrestling, this is a huge talent acqusition for Tomko All-Star Wrestling. In the upcoming months, look for 'The Canadian Comet' to wrestle reguarily both in Tomko and in Japan in an attempt to learn about being a pro wrestler... KING KONG J.R. BUNDY has turned bad again. Once again, he has been teaming with DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS... DALE HOUSTON, who was in the NWA for the last while, is back to the area... The A-TEAM continue to impress. Recently, they both did a flying headbutt ala Dynamite Kid at the same time to their opponent...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

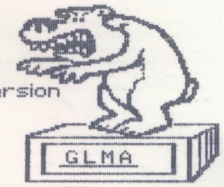
North American and Mid-Heavyweight champion OWEN HART continues to impress experts around the world. He is currently readying for the ANGEL OF DEATH. Angel, upon return to the area, demanded a title shot at Owen and attacked him viciously during an interview segment... The tag team champions BRUCE HART & BRIAN PILLMAN recently lost a non-title bout to 8-time former champions the Masters of Disaster, KERRY BROWN and DUKE MYERS thanks to the inconsistent refereeing of the controversial RON HADER... 'The Ultimate Warrior' BAD NEWS ALLEN wants a title shot at Owen Hart... BEN DOON MACDONALD claims that he is MAKHAN SINGH's cousin...

## INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING

We are sorry this month that we have no International Wrestling news to report.
We are unsure as to their status as of press time and were unable to get ahold of anyone behind the International wrestling scene. Bankruptcy is a very big possibility. For the last two months, their TV shows have been in reruns. Live cards, all around Ontario and Quebec have been cancelled.
We at the Wrestling Report can only hope that International Wrestling can pull through this crisis. It would be sad to see one of the great Canadian institutions in wrestling disappear.

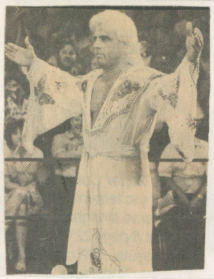
# the wrestling report's 2nd annual Gumpy Looking Mug Awards August 1986- August 1987

The votes are in and here are this year's version of the highly prized GLMA's, recognizing excellence (and sometimes not) in the wrestling world.




## Best Wrestler Award
Receiving Votes:
Randy Savage
Rick Steamboat
Ric Flair
Hercules
Steve Williams

WINNER:
Ric Flair
-Again this year, 'The Nature Boy' is named GLMA Best Wrestler. He is truly 'the wrestler of the 80's.'

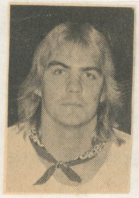


## Best at Being Good Guy Award
Receiving Votes:
Hulk Hogan
Road Warriors
Ricky Steamboat
Steve Williams
Rock'n'Roll Express

WINNER:
Hulk Hogan
-Like it or not, Hulk Hogan does a great job selling tickets for his matches. Fans want to go to see him. The man is pure charisma. (The wrestler doesn't exist)

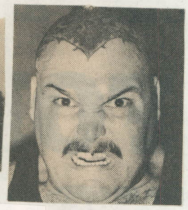
## Best Flier Award
Receiving Votes:
Rick Steamboat
Barry Windham
Tiger Mask
Randy Savage
Jimmy Snuka

WINNER:
Barry Windham
-Windham's exciting high-flying style is probally one reason why he is the current Western States champion.



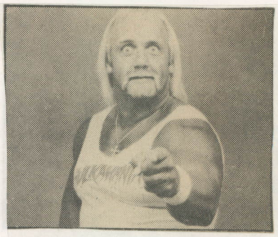
## Best Brawler Award
Receiving Votes:
Steve Williams
Bruiser Brody
Steve Strong
Ted DiBiase
Hacksaw Duggan

WINNER:
Steve Williams
-The big UWF champion is not someone that you want to get mad at you.



## Underrated Wrestler Award
Receiving Votes:
Hector Guerrero
Bobby Eaton
Brett Hart
Brad Armstrong
All Japanese wrestlers

WINNER:
Brett Hart
-Just because he's one half of the WWF tag team champions doesn't mean he's not a good wrestler. If fact, in the opinion of this newsletter, Brett Hart is in the best 20 wrestlers in the world today.



## Rookie of the Year Award
Receiving Votes:
Bam Bam Bigelow
Danny Davis
Tom Magee
Owen Hart
Johnny Smith

WINNER:
Bam Bam Bigelow
-Maybe now in the WWF, Bigelow may find a place to stay, and may finally become the wrestler that the world said he can be.

## Best Tag Team Award
Receiving Votes:
Road Warriors
Midnight Express
Hart Foundation
Rock'n'Roll Express
Rude & Fernandez

WINNER:
Hart Foundation
-Brett Hart and Jim Neidhart have gotten the respect from the readers of the WR. Though they are not treated well by the WWF, they are the best tag team currently in the WWF.

## Overrated Wrestler Award
Receiving Votes:
Hulk Hogan
Ric Flair
Dusty Rhodes

WINNER:
Hulk Hogan
-The Hulkster blows all competition away in this category. As one voter said "Never in the history of mankind has such an untalented, unco-ordinated, unbelievably incompetent individual been thrust on the public as a superstar."

## Best at Being Bad Guy Award
Receiving Votes:
Randy Savage
Larry Zbyszko
Paul Orndorff
Austin Idol
Tully Blanchard

WINNER:
Randy Savage
-A close race, but Savage pulled out on top. Next year he might win the GLMA for Best Good Guy!

## Best Announcer Award
Receiving Votes:
Jim Ross
Jesse Ventura
Ed Whalen

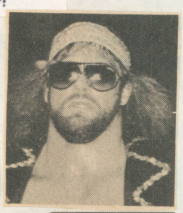
WINNER:
Jesse Ventura
-Far and away, 'The Body' is the best announcer around today. He is easy to listen to, and his smart comments capture the essentials of any WWF match.

## Worst Tag Team Award
Receiving Votes:
Somers & Rose
Superpowers
Muraco & Orton
Kamala & Sika
Strong & Abdullah

WINNER:
Kamala & Sika
-Maybe one day the WWF will realize that wrestling fans do not want to see two huge, ugly beasts attempt to be passed off as wrestlers.

## Worst Wrestler Award
Receiving Votes:
Hulk Hogan
Andre the Giant
Abdullah the Butcher
Hillbilly Jim
Cpl.Kirchner

WINNER:
Andre the Giant
-Does it sound a bit strange that the two competitors at the biggest show in history ended up 1-2 in the GLMA for worst wrestler?



## Worst Announcer Award
Receiving Votes:
David Crockett
Vince McMahon
Gorilla Monsoon

WINNER:
Vince McMahon
-To hear him is to hate him. And though Gorilla Monsoon didn't win, he deserves the same comment- 'Get off the air!'

## the Wrestling Report
rewards those who have a Gumpy Looking Mug but didn't win an award. These are the unofficial awards from the writers and the readers.

**Best Finishing Manoevre**
Ghostbuster (Koko B.Ware)

**Laziest Wrestler**
Butch Reed

## Manager of the Year Award
Receiving Votes:
JJ Dillon
Bobby Heenan
Jimmy Hart
Jim Cornette

WINNER:
Jimmy Hart
-No one in the WWF deserves it more. In the period of six months, Hart's men captured the WWF tag belts and the WWF I-C title. So what if he's a little runt. He has the belts.

## Most Improved Wrestler Award
Receiving Votes:
Terry Gordy
Rick Steiner
Sting
Honkytonk Man
Tim Horner

WINNER:
Honkytonk Man
-Though Honkytonk Man got the most votes, notice the rest of the canidates are from the UWF, obviously the region that trains its wrestlers best.

**Best Disappearing Act**
Big John Studd

**What a Great American Hero**
Hacksaw Jimmy Duggan

**Thank you for Firing**
tie- Wahoo McDaniel
Adrian Adonis

**Steriod Babies**
tie- Hulk Hogan
Lex Luger
Steve Strong
Dingo Warrior

**Canadian Wrestler of the Year**
Owen Hart

# the wrestling report

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## Rating the Superstars

CHAMPIONS

NWA- Ric Flair
US- Lex Luger
WWF- Hulk Hogan
I-C- Honkytonk Man
AWA- Curt Hennig
UWF- Steve Williams
Western States- Barry Windham
North American- Owen Hart

| WWF- Top Ten | NWA- Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Hulk Hogan | Ric Flair |
| Honkytonk Man | Lex Luger |
| Randy Savage | Nikita Koloff |
| One Man Gang | Ronnie Garvin |
| Bruno Sammartino | Tully Blanchard |
| Koko B.Ware | Barry Windham |
| Killer Khan | Dusty Rhodes |
| Jake Roberts | Mike Rotundo |
| Ken Patera | Steve Williams |
| Rick Steamboat | Terry Funk |

WWF Tag Teams-
Brett Hart & Jim Neidhart
Killer Bees
Jacques & Raymond Rougeau
Islanders
Rick Martel & Tito Santana

NWA Tag Teams-
Rick Morton & Robert Gibson
Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson
Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton
Road Warriors
Fabulous Freebirds

| Stampede- Top Ten | Tomko- Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Owen Hart | Big John Tenta |
| Great Gama | Timothy Flowers |
| Jason the Terrible | Rick Davis |
| Hiro Hase | JR Bundy |
| Keichi Yamada | Ivan Gorki |
| Gerry Morrow | Atomic Kid |
| Brian Pillman | Frog |
| Makhan Singh | Dave Scott |
| Bruce Hart | Dale Houston |
| Todd Olson | Sir Joseph Kagel |

Stampede- Tag Teams
Brian Pillman & Bruce Hart
Hiro Hase & Keichi Yamada
Makhan Singh & Great Gama
Gerry Morrow & Jude Rosenbloom
Duke Myers & Kerry Brown

Notes- This month we feature the Tomko All-Star Wrestling, promoting along Canada's west coast. As they do not, at the moment recognize any tag team champs, we have included Stampede tag ratings. In Tomko, John Tenta is the new UWA World Champ, and the Canadian title is vacant, most recently held by Jonathan Sayers (we think).

## NIKITA KOLOFF

275 pounds
Moscow, Russia

It sure didn't take 'The Russian Nightmare' very long to win another prestigous title. On August 19, 1987, in Fayetteville,NC he beat Tully Blanchard to win the NWA TV title, only thirty nine days after losing the United States title to Lex Luger. Nikita is also a former NWA World tag team champion. The career of young Nikita Koloff certainly has been helped by the cheers of the fans, but this one still wonders how long he will stay a 'good guy.'

## THE MIGHTY MIDGETS

WHERE WOULD WRESTLING BE WITHOUT THEM?

If there is one attraction in professional wrestling that has lasted since the beginning, while at the same time keeping its popularity, it is the attraction of the Midgets. Their appearance draws the crowds, and best of all, pleases everyone. The problem is though, that Midget wrestling has never received the recognition it deserves. For example, Do you know who the Midget World champion is? How about the Midget Tag Team champions?

First to answer the questions, FRENCHIE LAMONT is the world midget champ, after defeating LITTLE BEAVER in 1375. The tag straps are held by the notorious duo of LITTLE TOKYO & LORD LITTLEBROOK.

Recently, we caught up with Frechie Lamont, a 25-year veteran of the sport and he spoke openly on the subject of the treatment of midget wrestling. He said "We're the ones that draw the crowds, both the kids and the old-timers. People come to see us before the big guys." In many ways, this is true. Lamont also confessed that he would prefer to wrestle more seriously, but promoters around the world like the matches to be cartoon-like.

This too is very true. The talent of these extra-ordinary athletes is usually pushed to the background to make for a better 'show'. In reality, these little guys do great moves, both on the mat and in the air, take great falls, and wrestle better than some of the 'world' champs around today (not to mention any names).

As FARMER PETE, another midget on the circuit said, "Midget wrestling today is more comical than it ever was."

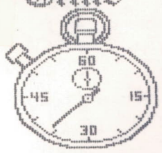
Another problem is that midget wrestling hardly ever gets on television, the only way they would ever get recognition.

All these problems cause another, as there are very few new faces in midget wrestling, due to the lack of publicity.

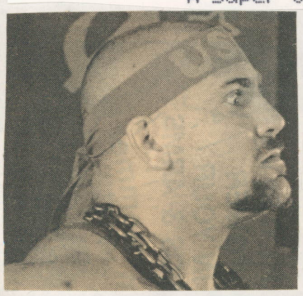
It is sad to see the way midget wrestling is treated today, and the way wrestling promotion is heading, it doesn't look like it will be getting any better. Here's to the midgets, for a job well done.

**REMEMBER:** To Participate in both our SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST and our TRIVIA CONTEST. It'll help us stick around and it'll give you some great viewing on your VCR!!

# Trivia Time



1. In 1986, the UWF retired their North American championship in favour of a tournament for their world's title. Who was the last North American champ in the belt's history? (One point)
2. In 1980, over 43,000 fans attended a card in Shea Stadium in New York. What was the main event and who did Andre the Giant wrestle? (One point each)
3. In the main event of WrestleMania I (Hogan/MrTvsPiper/Orndorff), there was two referees. One was Muhammad Ali, who was the other? (One point)
4. In 1983, Ricky Morton was a Southwest tag-team champ. Who was his partner? Hint: it wasn't Robert Gibson. (One point)
5. Until the WWF's 1984 expansion, there were three bad guy managers in the area- Lou Albano, Fred Blassie and Grand Wizard. Three wrestlers were handled by each manager at different times. Name them. (Nine points, one for each wrestler)
6. On January 23, 1978, the WWF held a tournament final in MSG to determine its first junior heavyweight champion. Who was the first WWF jr. champion? (One point)
7. Who are the only two men to hold both the NWA World's title and tag team championships? (One point for each)
8. On January 23, 1978 in Madison Square Gardens, Superstar Billy Graham was wrestling ???? when Bob Backlund interfered and cost Graham's opponent the match by DQ. Backlund won the title on the next MSG card, making this Graham's last successful title defense. Who was Graham's opponent on Jan 23? (Two points- a tough one)
9. Don Kernodle has held the NWA tag team title on three separate occasions in the last 5 years. Name each of his 3 partners (One point each)
10. In his three years as WWF champion, Hulk Hogan has only defended his crown in a cage match in Madison Square Gardens once. Name his opponent. (One point)
11. In 1983, Paul Ellering was managing a tag-team in Georgia before the Road Warriors arrived in the area. Who was the tag team? (One point)
12. Who is the only man in WWF history to have held the World's title, tag team title and Intercontinental title? (One point)
13. In 1980, Stan Lane was a Florida tag team champion. Who was his partner? Hint: It's not Steve Keirn (One point)
14. Despite reports that Iron Shiek lost the WWF belt in his first title defense, he did successfully defend the title on Jan 11, 1986 in Philadelphia and on Jan 18 in Boston. Who were his opponents? Hint: They are two different people and their names aren't Hulk Hogan or Sgt.Slaughter. (One point for each)
15. In May 1983, a tournament in Houston was won by Adrian Adonis to determine an "undisputed World's champion." Who did Adonis beat in the finals for the belt? (One point)
16. In 1982, Bob Backlund was wrestling ??? on television, when Superstar Graham came out and destroyed the WWF championship belt. Who was Backlund wrestling? (One point)
17. In 1979, Pat Patterson retired the WWF North American title in favour of a title he had just won-the Intercontinental title. Who did Patterson beat for the North American belt? (One point)
18. The Missouri State title has frequently been called "the steppingstone to the NWA title." The belt was vacated in 1986, and subsequently retired. Who was the last Missouri State champ? (One point)
19. During Bob Backlund's 6-year tenure as WWF champ, only 2 men have held him to one-hour draws (each man did it several times). Name them. (One point each)
20. In Nov 1975, Nick Bockwinkel defeated Verne Gagne for his first of 4 AWA title reigns. Gagne blamed the loss on outside interference that was allowed by a biased referee. Name the interfering wrestler and the referee. Hint: the interfering wrestler was not Bobby Heenan and the referee is an active wrestler today, in fact, at one time he held the AWA tag team title. (Two points for one answer, Five points for both- A super tough question)



Nikita Koloff, New NWA TV Champion

# Prizes & Rules

Send all entries to:
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All entries must be received by October 23rd. The winner will be printed in the November 1987edition. The prize for the most points (points awarded for correct answers) is a copy of John McAdam's video tape list and a choice of whichever tape you would like. It a great deal! Good luck to all readers!!!

Editor's Note: Don't try and get answers from me, I do not know them all, either. My suggestion is to try your luck and send in your guesses. You might win! John's tape list itself is worth it!

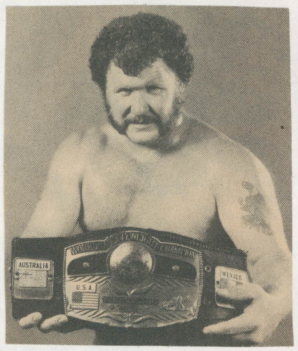
## joke of the month

The UNIVERSAL WRESTLING FEDERATION just finished a fan ballot contest to determine their 'UWF Rookie of the Year.' STEVE COX won the contest and the trophy over such other notable rookies like UWF TV champ SHANE DOUGLAS, DAVEY HASKINS and others. A women then came to ringside and took the trophy from Cox. The lady was later revealed to be GARY YOUNG, who claims that he was protesting that he wasn't included in the rookie contest. Young and Cox are now feuding over the trophy! The thing is that Gary Young has been wrestling for three or four years now!

## TITLE CHANGES

HARLEY RACE is in fact an eight-time NWA World Heavyweight Champion! On March 21, 1984 in Wellington, New Zealand, Race beat RIC FLAIR to claim his 8th NWA title. He lost the title back to Slick Ric two days later on March 23, 1984 in Kallang, Singapore. The title change is not recognized by the NWA...

On November 30, 1979, ANTONIO INOKI defeated then-WWF Champion BOB BACKLUND to seemingly win the WWF World Title. For unexplained reasons, one week later, the WWF stripped Inoki of the title and awarded it back to Backlund. The WWF does not recognize this as an official title change...



Harley Race, actually an eight-time NWA World Champ. Sorry for the omission.

## THE SUPERSTARS OF Wrestling

Next issue, look for a feature on the Superstars of Wrestling promoted by GEORGE CANNON out of Detroit.

Look for shows by this promotion September 16 in Welland and September 17 in London at the Fair.

## Rasslin' Results

WWF TORONTO August 30, 87
Hulk Hogan beat One Man Gang... Paul Orndorff beat Nikolai Volkoff... Ted DiBiase beat Junkyard Dog... Brutus Beefcake beat Danny Davis by DQ... Sensational Sherri Martel beat Fabulous Moolah... Paul Roma & Jim Powers beat Sika & Kamala by DQ... SD Jones beat Steve Lombardi... Jerry Allen beat Frenchy Martin

SUPERSTARS OF WRESTLING
COE KITCHENER September 3, 1987
Nick DeCarlo & Mandingo Warrior beat Johnny K-9 & Chris Carter when DeCarlo pinned K-9... Farmer Pete beat Tiger Jackson... Johnny K-9 beat Nick DeCarlo... Mandingo Warriors drew with Chris Carter... Sheena the Voodo Queen vs Mean Jean Bayler... Attendance about 2,000

# EDITORIAL

For the month of September 1987
by: Greg Oliver

Well, it's September and we're still around. Together we've survived a tough summer. Thanks for all of your letters giving me support. It helped alot.
My Dad does have a valid point, though. There is not a lot of point sticking around (believe it or not, this is hard work) if we don't get a bigger circulation. I sure hope that you'll show your friends our paper, and get them to order a subscription. Thanks.
Well, onto the news. As you know, this has been a very slow month. It seems that none of the wrestling promotions are putting a lot of thought into their shows. It's summertime, and no one wants to work. This is the way that I feel, sorry for having this edition a little late.

## WF Notes...

ANDRE THE GIANT has re-appeared on the scene following his back surgery...
CHAVO GUERRERO is new to the WWF. For those of you who have never seen him, Chavo, in my opinion, is one of the most underrated stars in the biz. His backflip off the top rope is unbelievable. I only wish the WWF will give him a chance.
PAUL ORNDORFF has left BOBBY HEENAN and joined SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINK. Does this mean he'll be teaming with BAM BAM BIGELOW?
BARON VON RASCHKE has entered the WWF part-time, working shows in the AWA area.
KEN PATERA is out with a legit injury...
The WWF is starting to promote their new album, PILEDRIVER: The Wrestling Album II...

## AWA NEWS

CURT HENNIG and LARRY ZYBSZKO recently teamed up to put top contender NICK BOCKWINKEL out of wrestling, at least for a while... KEVIN KELLY has hired MEDUSA MACHELLI as his new valet/manager... DJ PETERSON & WAHOO MCDANIEL have been receiving all the title shots against SOLDAT USTINOV & BORIS ZUKHOV, the AWA tag team champions... During recent TV brodcast, VERNE GAGNE has been putting down both the WWF and NWA, claiming that the AWA is the only 'real' wrestling around today...
'Jammin' MITCH SNOW is improving in the AWA. He looks like a cross between the MIDNIGHT ROCKERS and a video tape... SHEIK ADNAD AL-KAISSIE has left the AWA... NICK KINISKI is coming in to the AWA...

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

BIG JOHN TENTA beat DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS for the UWA World title. We have very few details of the match. The TV shows should be showing the match. One can only hope that Diamond Tim decides to stick around, as he is the best thing they have going... Manager NEIL DRUMMOND recently beat DALE HOUSTON in a challenge match when the lights mysteriously went out. Drummond was dressed in a leather jacket, with tons of makeup and his hair spiked up. He looked good... We are unsure of the status of the Canadian title. JOHNATHON SAYERS held it, lost it to BRUISER COSTAS, but on a recent show, the title was stripped from Sayers. We'll let you know when we find out...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

GREAT GAMA beat OWEN HART for the British Commonwealth Mid-Heavyweight title... The VIET CONG EXPRESS has broken up.HIRO HASE (Viet Cong #1) was attacked by his partner, and is now teaming with members of the 'HART MAFIA' (OWEN, BRUCE & KEITH HART, BRIAN PILLMAN, etc)...New to the area are JASON THE TERRIBLE, TODD OLSEN (formerly OLE OLSON of Tomko), and a manager/wrestler JUDE ROSENBLOOM...MAKHAN SINGH has reformed the KARACHI VICE. Included in this version are Singh, Gama, Jason the Terrible, Rosenbloom, GERRY MORROW and VIET CONG #2. Notice the absence of BENDOON MACDONALD, Singh's cousin. MacDonald has left the area...

Hillbilly Jim wrestled in the Mid-Southern area in 1983 as a good guy 'biker' named Harley Davidson!
Hulk Hogan appeared on this year's Jerry Lewis Labour Day Telethon for Muscular Distrophy. Good job Hulk!
Terrible Terry Funk recenlty filmed a national TV ad for Wendy's!

## Did you know that...

Vladimir Petrov was recently sentenced to 25 years in prison following arrests on cocaine trafficking and operating a common bawdy house.
North American champion Owen Hart began his wrestling career at the age of 14 under a mask in order to keep his amateur wrestling status!

## NWA Happenings...

NIKITA KOLOFF quickly bounced back from his loss of the US title by beating TULLY BLANCHARD for the NWA TV title on August 19th... Meanwhile, it seems that Blanchard and ARN ANDERSON are the only team getting NWA tag team title shots against the ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS... The RIC FLAIR / RONNIE GARVIN feud is getting hotter and is much more exciting than their feuds of past... US Champion LEX LUGER is feuding with DUSTY RHODES... BUGSY MCGRAW & JIMMY VALIANT have been teaming regularly on the main circuit... JIMMY GARVIN has been feuding with PAUL JONES & MANNY FERNANDEZ...

## FL-RIDA Championship Wrestling

TERRY FUNK has finally arrived in a big way. He has been raising hell in a way only the Funk family knows how. At the moment, he is the top contender for MIKE ROTUNDO's Florida title... With BLACKJACK MULLIGAN out with an injury, SATANIC KEVIN SULLIVAN has sent out a plea to 'The American Dream' DUSTY RHODES to come to Florida and team with him... The CUBAN ASSASSINS are feuding rather violently with the SHEEPHERDERS, the Florida tag team champions... A new tag team managed by PAUL JONES are the UNTOUCHABLES (STEVE STRONG & KONGA THE BARBARIAN under masks)... Also new are the SAMURI WARRIORS, TIGER & DRAGON...

## UWF UNIVERSAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

In a bigger upset than HONKYTONK-STEAMBOAT, a rookie to the wrestling scene, named SHANE DOUGLAS, recently beat EDDIE GILBERT for the UWF Televison title. The win, it should be noted, came with a little help from Gilbert's former charge STING...
TERRY TAYLOR, returning from his car accident, recently viciously attacked CHRIS ADAMS at a press conference. Taylor has also announced that he & Eddie Gilbert will be a regular tag team. Taylor & Gilbert should prove to be a big problem for UWF tag team champs, the LIGHTNING EXPRESS...
STEVE 'Dr.Death' WILLIAMS, UWF champion seems to have already exhausted all his competition in the UWF...

## History Corner

'A look at wrestling history in Canada.'

NWA TORONTO
April 10, 1983

Ric Flair beat Roddy Piper by DQ at 19:48 to retain his NWA World Championship.
Jimmy Snuka beat Ray Stevens in a Texas Death Match at 10:14
Andre the Giant beat the Destroyer & the Executioner 4:44 in a handicap match
Jimmy Valiant & Tony Parisi beat Sir Oliver Humperdink & the One Man Gang at 8:21
Johnny Weaver beat Leo Burke at 8:16 to win the North American title
Pvt.Nelson drew with Sweet Brown Sugar after 15 minutes

Birthdays in October:
October 6: Bruno Sammartino
October 11: Dusty Rhodes
October 22: Pedro Morales
October 28: Iron Mike Sharpe
October 29: Paul Orndorff

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The writers would like to say that the opinions reflected in the newspaper are their own, and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the other writers or the newspaper. Also that we encourage letters, opinions and suggestions from our readers.

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

It seems that everyone is being rumoured to be going to the WWF. The following have all had meetings with the WWF, but nothing is certain- Road Warriors, Midnight Express, Lex Luger. The Fantastics, released by World Class, are looking for a place to stay. Many say that the AWA might want them. Speaking of the AWA, they are HEAVILY promoting October 1st as some special date. No one is certain what it is about, but rumour has it that is when they get a new financial backer.

## PROUD TO BE A CANADIAN

A Look At Canadians In Pro Wrestling

Canadian wrestlers have certainly made an impact on pro wrestling, but are often overshadowed by their American counterparts. Herein is a special look at our boys in the business.

### THE PRESENT

RICK MARTEL: One of wrestling's greatest talents. A former two-time WWF tag champ (with Tony Garea), and AWA World champion.

ROCKY JOHNSON: A major name with a tremendous physique. Has held WWF tag title (with Tony Atlas), Hawaiin tag belts (with brother Ricky), and Southern tag belts (with Bill Dundee). Rocky is currently working the Mid-Southern circuit.

RICKY JOHNSON: Rocky's lesser known brother, but an excellent wrestler in his own right. Mainly works independants and Hawaii. He is now with Big Bear Promotions.

DINO BRAVO: This one time great AWA contender has slipped to mediocrity in the WWF as Greg Valentine's tag partner. A longtime Canadian champion.

THE ROUGEAUS: Jacques and Raymond are two talented athletes and former Canadian tag team champions. Lots of potential for both, but we don't get to see it in the WWF.

BRETT HART: One of the best in the business today. Current WWF tag team champ with Jim Neidhart. A hero in his hometown of Calgary. Was taught by his father Stu Hart.

TIGER JEET SINGH: This maniac individual has been a star around the world. Currently works Japan, where he enters the ring dressed as a pirate, complete with sword. Worked the Canadian NWA circuit for years as one of their mainstays.

IRON MIKE SHARPE: At one time 'Canada's Greatest Athlete', Mike Sharpe was championship material. When he was managed by Lou Albano, received many shots at Bob Backlund. Currently a nobody in the WWF.

RONNIE GARVIN: Though now an American citizen, Ronnie has done us proud. For years, he's been on top of the profession and is still going strong.

### I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE CANADIAN

ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER: Wrestling's best known bleeder is actually from Windsor, Ontario. This well-travelled superstar has done it all. Abby currently works independants around the world.

IVAN KOLOFF: 'The Russian Bear' is actually a great athlete from Montreal. Reknown as the greatest 'Russian' athlete ever. His victory over Bruno Sammartino in 1971 may have been the greatest upset ever.

MISSING LINK: This strange gimmick certainly got former Canadian champion Dewey Robertson much more publicity. In the 1970's, Robertson formed a tremendous tag team with Billy Red Lyons called 'the Crusaders.'

ALEXIS SMIRNOFF: I guess French Canadians make good Russians. Never a superstar, but a constant middle-of-the-card guy, Michel DuBois has made a living of it.

MONGOLIAN STOMPER: Though 'the Stomper' Archie Goldie has not always claimed to be from Mongolia, he has always been a well-promoted madman.

### THE PAST

WHIPPER BILLY WATSON: Possibly, the most loved Canadian athlete of all-time. This superstar is a former two-time NWA World and British Commonwealth champion. Not only was he a great wrestler, but a great man. He helped to raise money for charities all over the world.

GENE KINISKI: His tough guy style earned him the AWA World title in 1961 and the NWA World title in 1966.

MAD DOG VACHON: It was only a few months ago when Mad Dog hung up the tights for good, ending a banner career. A former AWA champion, Vachon was feared around the world for his unpredictable style.

JOS LEDUC: A big, tough individual known for his feats of strength. He still wrestles occasionally, but his best days are behind him.

EDOUARD CARPENTIER: 'The Carp' is still involved in pro wrestling today as a trainer for the WWF offices out of Montreal. The back flip from the top rope was Carpentier's patented move.

JACQUES ROUGEAU SR: Much like his sons, Rougeau Sr was a high flying exciting wrestler. Many times he teamed with Edouard Carpentier to beat the best.

STU HART: Though he never really achieved world reknown status, Stu Hart will always be respected as a quality wrestler and a legendary trainer. He currently is in charge of the Calgary Stampede wrestling circuit.

### THE FUTURE

OWEN HART: Quite simply, the greatest newcomer wrestling has seen in years. He uses tremendous aerial moves and has a great scientific repertoire. Owen is currently North American champion in Stampede wrestling. In only his second year, he has eclipsed all expectations. Look for BIG things from this guy.

TOM MAGEE: A muscular specimen with some agility, Magee has the potential to go a long way. He has won several 'Strongman' contests in Canada and the US. With a little patience, he'll become a superstar.

BRIAN PILLMAN: A former football player and now budding superstar. Already, he is Calgary tag team champ. With a little improvement, superstardom is not far off.

BIG JOHN TENTA: This former Japanese sumo wrestler has made his pro debut. He is still very green but there will always be a place in wrestling for the big men.

NICK KINISKI: The son of Gene Kiniski not only looks good, but can wrestle too. If he has the guts to stick it out, he too may follow in the footsteps of his father. First though, he must leave the WWF.

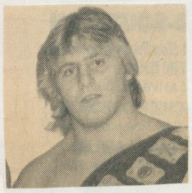
PAUL DIAMOND: A great 'heel', full of athletic ability currently working the Mid-Southern circuit. One of Canada's least known future superstars. He is one half of the 'Downtown Connection' with Pat Tanaka, a super-successful tag team. Of all the Future stars we've talked about, Diamond is the only one already established as a star. With his talent, he'll be going ever farther.

### NOTES

I hope that you enjoyed our look at the stars of Canadian wrestling. The list is not near complete, and if we wanted, we could have taken up eight of nine pages. It makes me 'Proud To Be A Canadian.'

Dino Bravo

Rick Martel



Owen Hart, Future Superstar?

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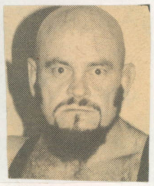

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| 3. Barry Windham | 13. Keichi Yamada |
| 4. Curt Hennig | 14. Terry Taylor |
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Notes- For an interesting change, I put together a list of my top twenty wrestlers in North America plus the top five tag teams. It is made up mostly by wrestling ability, but also their overall success and charisma. Just remember that this is my ratings. I would love to hear from our readers with your own ratings.

## RONNIE GARVIN

231 pounds
Montreal, Quebec

The new NWA World Heavyweight champion is 'Hands of Stone' RONNIE GARVIN. He beat 'the Nature Boy' RIC FLAIR on September 25th in Detroit, Michigan at the Joe Louis Arena with a clean pinfall. This historic cage match was the main event at the NWA's first ever show at the Joe Louis Arena. The feud between the two had been brewing since early August when Ronnie replaced PRECIOUS on the 'Dream Date' that she was supposed to have with Ric Flair. The two warriors battled around the country for months and it finally came to a climatic end on that September night before a packed house. This feud is far from over though. Odds are that it probally won't end until the new year, most likely with one more historic matchup on November 26th at Starrcade 87. Incredible.

## TERRY TAYLOR

225 pounds Vero Beach, FL

In somewhat lesser importance, TERRY TAYLOR beat SHANE DOUGLAS for the UWF TV Title. The title change was not really unexpected, but what is notable is Taylor's return from a car accident he suffered in late June. Though many criticize his ring tactics, one must congratulate Terry Taylor the man.

## The End of the Fabulous Freebirds

One of the most successful tag teams in history has ended their heralded relationship. The FABULOUS FREEBIRDS- MICHAEL 'P.S.' HAYES, TERRY 'Bam Bam' GORDY and BUDDY 'Jack' ROBERTS have ended their partnership. Gordy, a former UWF champion and Roberts, a former UWF TV champion have left the NWA to compete for smaller promotions while Hayes will remain with the NWA while continuing to pursue a singing career. One of the main reasons for the departure of Terry Gordy is the worsening condition of his knees. Another is that the NWA does not allow their signed athletes to compete in Japan, where Gordy is greatly admired.

It is truly sad to see the end of the greatest six-man tag team in history over mere contract disputes and disagreements.

Over the years the Freebirds were always successful at not just capturing belts, but also the fan's attention- whether it be hatred or praise. They were great at playing the crowd. There were times when riots nearly erupted due to their treatment of the local babyface.

From cage matches in Texas against the Von Erichs to Comisky Park against the Road Warriors to the WWF against preliminaries to the UWF against DiBiase, Williams, Taylor, and Duggan to Florida against the Guerreros to Japan against everybody- they were great.

The wrestling world will surely lack the spark created by 'FREEBIRD FANTASIA.'

# EDITORIAL

For the month of October 1987
by: Greg Oliver

The thought just hit me.
'The Nature Boy' Ric Flair is no longer the NWA World Champion. Unbelievable.
The part that is even harder to stomach is that Ronnie Garvin is the new champion. Not to criticize his wrestling skill, it is Ronnie Garvin, the personality that turns me off. Where Flair was MR.Personality, Garvin is MR.Blah. Unfortunately, this is not going to be a quickie title change a la Dusty Rhodes. Garvin is a legit wrestler and Flair may have to wait a while to regain his '10 pounds of gold.'
My guess is Starrcade '87, Ric Flair will win the title in another cage match, and somehow lose the support of the Four Horsemen. If ever there was a man that should be World Champion, it is Ric Flair.

# WWF Notes...

The MEGA-POWERS have formed. The combined forces of HULKAMANIA and MACHO MADNESS began a partnership on the latest Saturday Night's Main Event when ELIZABETH brought Hulk to Savage's rescue... TED DIBIASE got his first WWF title shot against HULK HOGAN on September 26th in Nashville, Tennessee... 'The Polish Power' IVAN PUTSKI has returned to the WWF... KAMALA has left the WWF, at least for a short period of time. KIM CHEE (STEVE LOMBARDI), will be taking his place on scheduled cards... HACKSAW JIM DUGGAN is back in the WWF... Out with injuries are BILLY JACK HAYNES, HARLEY RACE and JAKE 'the Snake' ROBERTS...

# AWA NEWS

The AWA will be holding a tournament to determine their AWA TV Champion... NICK KINISKI surprised many people by joining up with KEVIN KELLY and MEDUSA MACELLI. The alliance is supported by AWA announcers when they talk of the great days of GENE KINISKI and his feud with VERNE GAGNE. In fact Verne said 'Nick will be better than his father.' Bold prediction...
J.T. SOUTHERN & D.J. PETERSON are a hot new tag team in the area. Look for them to feud with the Original MIDNIGHT EXPRESS... 'The Danger Zone' is new to AWA brodcasts. It is an interview segment hosted by PAUL E.DANGEROUSLY and his stuffed friend, TED E. BEAR... The AWA Fall Battle Royale Series is underway again this year...

# TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

Tomko All-Star Wrestling has taken on a new format. They are now heavily pushing ladies wrestling and are calling their show 'Wild Women of Wrestling.' The Canadian women's champion is DELTA DAWN, though she is now a heel. The confusing part about this format is that they still have men's wrestling on the show. They most recently showed DIAMOND TIM FLOWERS get beaten up by NEIL DRUMMOND, JOE KAGEL and JR BUNDY and JOHN TENTA ran to the rescue. Also equally confusing is that, unlike reported last month, John Tenta does not have the UWA title, Flowers still does. They have also introduced a former football player calling himself TURBO TULLY FERRELL (I think)... Basically, this area is getting very confusing...

# STAMPEDE WRESTLING

CORPORAL KIRCHNER is new to the area. It is a good career move, as he should gain considerable experience. Apparently, he received a good reception from the crowd also... HERCULES AYALA is rumoured to be returning to the area... BARRY O of WWF preliminary fame is also in the area wrestling under a mask and calling himself the ZODIAC. He is looking good... OWEN HART returned from his first Japanese tour much wiser. He was well received there, mostly for his skill in the sweet science. He will most likely setting a goal of regaining the British Commonwealth Mid-Heavyweight title from GREAT GAMA while still defending his North American belt...

# NWA Happenings...

RONNIE GARVIN is the new NWA WORLD CHAMPION!! He beat RIC FLAIR on Sept 25th in Detroit... The NEW BREED, CHRIS CHAMPION and SEAN ROYALE have turned babyfaces. The turn came about when Royale began arguing with JIM CORNETTE. The MIDNIGHT EXPRESS came to Cornette's rescue and thus began a New Breed / Midnights feud... JIMMY GARVIN & MICHAEL HAYES have begun to team reguarily... BARRY WINDHAM is feuding violently with ARN ANDERSON over the Western States Heritage title... DUSTY RHODES recently put US Champion LEX LUGAR to sleep with the 'Weaver Sleeper Hold' in the dressing room...

# UWF UNIVERSAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

TERRY TAYLOR won the UWF TV Title from SHANE DOUGLAS. This makes Taylor the No.1 contender for the UWF Title... The 'Jive Tones', SHASKA WHATLEY and TIGER CONWAY JR recently beat the 'Lightning Express', BRAD ARMSTRONG & TIM HORNER, the UWF tag team champs in a non-title match...
IVAN KOLOFF is really being pushed as a top contender for STEVE WILLIAMS' UWF title... New to the area are DORY FUNK JR, and the SHEEPHERDERS... CHRIS ADAMS has left the UWF and the NWA... A big blow to the UWF comes in the breakup of the FABULOUS FREEBIRDS, as many of their main events featured the Freebirds... GARY YOUNG has joined up with EDDIE GILBERT...

# FLORIDA Championship Wrestling

The Florida tag team titles changed hands from the SHEEP-HERDERS to STEVE KEIRN & MIKE GRAHAM on August 29th and then from Keirn & Graham to a new tag team called the MIGHTY YANKEES on September 8th. The Mighty Yankees are two masked wrestlers... TERRY FUNK has left Florida and the NWA... DORY FUNK JR and the SHEEPHERDERS have moved to the UWF...
The entire Florida curcuit is currently being phased out by the NWA. Florida will lose its identity by only getting the regular NWA/UWF circuits. It remains to be seen if the NWA will keep the distinct Florida titles around much longer.

# WORLD CLASS

Since we haven't reported this region in a while, we have missed quite a bit...
The newest World Class 'World' Champion is AL PEREZ. He beat KEVIN VON ERICH in late August...
The World Class 'World' tag team champions are STEVE & SHAWN SIMPSON. They beat ERIC EMBRY & FRANKIE LANCASTER in early September...
The World Class Texas tag team champs are still TONY ATLAS & SKIP YOUNG...
In exciting news, the World Class region is creating a Lightweight Title for wrestlers under 225 pounds. This is a much neglected class of wrestlers and should prove to add some energy to the World Class region...

# History Corner

'A look at wrestling history in Canada.'

NWA TORONTO
SEPTEMBER 22, 1974

NWA World Champion Jack Brisco beat Billy Red Lyons at 15:42
the Sheik beat Bulldog Brower at 3:23
Hartford & Reginald Love drew with Tony Parisi & Dominic Denucci
Tiger Jeet Singh beat Big Brutus at 8:52
Chris Tolos drew with Ben Justice
Baron Scicluna drew with Steve Bolus
Chris Markoff & Tony Marino beat the Wildman & Eric the Animal by DQ at 10:41
Louis Martinez beat Pretty Boy Anthony
Dewey Robertson beat Lee Henning at 5:46

# Contributing Writers

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The writers would like to say that the opinions reflected in the newspaper are their own, and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the other writers or the newspaper. Also that we encourage letters, opinions and suggestions from our readers.

## Welcome to the Staff

This month, I would like to welcome to the staff of the Wrestling Report two new writers. Derek Cameron, an expert on the Road Warriors, has joined us to lend some of his knowledge to our vastly improving newspaper. Derek lives in Kitchener.
Also joining the staff is Holly Girdwood. She is the first female writer on our staff. Holly enjoys the NWA and is blessed by living in an area that is frequented by the NWA, something that doesn't happen here. Holly lives in Pittsburg, PA.
I also like to thank Jason Nijhuis and Fred Wall for their continued support and input into the paper.
For anyone else out there, we would be willing to add you to our staff too. Write me and tell me what you'd like to write about. Thanks.

'Hands of Stone'
Ronnie Garvin, the new NWA World Champion.

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

JIMMY VALIANT has disappeared from the NWA TV shows. With his 'Boogie Woogie' style and lack of wrestling talent, he might just surface in the WWF.
Tempers have been flaring in the AWA. Don't be surprised if some major stars that they are pushing, like TOMMY RICH, suddenly up and leave.
CHRIS ADAMS is also somewhat of a mystery. He was apparently 'let go' by the NWA. It is unknown where he might go, but the AWA seems like a good possibility. When he's hot, Adams can be one of the best heels around.

'And now introducing at 238 pounds, from Romania,

**JOHNNY K-9** !!!!'

'MY TIME HAS COME. I'VE PAID MY DUES.' says the infamous Johnny K-9. Johnny began wrestling two years ago and has never looked back. He has been working different wrestling circuits around the world, including Memphis (where he was the Terrible Turk), the WWF, Grand Prix, Stampede, and Superstars of Wrestling, all in an effort to gain valuable ring experience. John claims that his ring monicer comes from an experience he once had with some police dogs in Hamilton. K-9 has the build and look of potential. Once some promotion clearly sees this potential, he may become one of the stars of the future. We wish him luck.

## Rasslin' Results

SUPERSTARS OF WRESTLING
London Western Fair
SEPTMEBER 17, 1987
Tony Atlas beat Johnny K-9 Sgt.Slaughter beat the Russian Assassin... Farmer Pete beat Little Wolf... Voodoo Queen beat Mean Jean Baxter... Chris Carter & Steve Rexsteiner beat Bulldog Don Kent & Johnny K-9... Mandingo Warrior drew Libyan Assassin...

WWF TORONTO SEPTEMBER 20, 1987
Rick Rude beat Paul Orndorff... Strike Force beat Islanders... Magnificent Muraco beat Cowboy Bob Orton... Koko B. Ware drew with Harley Race... Danny Davis beat Brutus Beefcake... Greg Valentine & Dino Bravo beat Jim Powers & Paul Roma...

WWF MADISON SQUARE GARDENS
SEPTEMBER 21, 1987
Hulk Hogan vs One Man Gang ended in a double disqualification... Randy Savage beat Honkytonk Man in a non-title match... Islanders beat Strike Force... Magnificent Muraco beat Cowboy Bob Orton... George Steele beat Sika by DQ... Greg Valentine & Dino Bravo drew with Jacques & Raymond Rougeau... Harley Race beat Hillbilly Jim... Tiger Chung Lee beat Brad Rheingans... Scott Casey beat Steve Lombardi...

## Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

For those of you who missed it, here are the results from the October 3rd SME. You didn't miss much. Hulk Hogan beat Sika... King Kong Bundy beat Paul Orndorff (with Andre's help)... Hart Foundation beat Powers & Roma... Randy Savage beat Honkytonk Man by DQ when Hart Foundation interfered. The three beat up on Savage until Elizabeth brought Hogan to his rescue. This turn of Savage to good to most of the show...

## AWA CANADIAN STYLE

Well, the AWA has returned to the airwaves around here thanks to some hard work on the part of Milt Avruskin and Mediatel Distributions. A sliced up version of the normal AWA syndicated show and ESPN show now appears on Sundays originating from Toronto, replacing the International Wrestling show. The Canadian show is hosted by Avruskin and the original Destroyer, mostly of Maple Leaf Gardens fame. The Destroyer is not bad on colour commentary.
The AWA is also considering promoting cards in the Toronto area early next year. We wish them luck, but with a lack of talent in their roster and TV shows that have no spark, the effort will most likely be a futile one.

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Back issues are also availible- Sept 85 to date...

Johnny K-9 does a pose for the Wrestling Report.

# Obituaries
## Scott 'Hog' Irwin

The Long Riders were a great team and they always put up a great fight. The fight continued to the end for Scott Irwin, one half of the Long Riders. Scott recently died of a malignant brain tumor in Duluth, Minnesota. It was almost two years ago when Scott Irwin was diagnosed with having a cancerous brain tumor, but he didn't give up. He underwent radioactive treatment and still continued to wrestle. He is one of the bravest men to ever step into the squared circle.
The Long Riders- Scott 'Hog' and Wild Bill Irwin collectively held the National, World Class, International, and many other tag team belts.
The world will miss Scott 'Hog' Irwin.

Goodbye to Scott Irwin, at left, pictured with his tag team partner Wild Bill Irwin.

## WHAT IF...

by the writers of the Wrestling Report

This month, we are introducing to you a new column, but a column different from any other.
This column, called 'What If...' will be a reader suggestion column about matches you would like to see. Write to us and tell us your 'Superstar Dream Match.'
In return, the writers will analyse the matchup and give their opinions of the outcome. For example, you could pit Brett Hart against Owen Hart, Hulk Hogan vs Lex Luger, the Road Warriors vs Demolition, Curt Hennig vs Ric Flair, and the possibilites go on and on.
So write and tell us matches that you would like to see. It only costs 36 cents!

## joke of the month

This month's Joke of the Month could also be called 'Career Move 1987'.
ART WASHINGTON has entered the AWA. Who is Art Washington you ask?
Well, some of you might remember MR.WASHINGTON, the wrestler that 'The Million Dollar Man' TED DIBIASE paid to wrestle his match against prelim CHRIS CURTIS. Of course Mr.Washington lost that match and DiBiase and VIRGIL beat him up. Well it seems this fine effort has attracted 'the man with the eye for talent,' VERNE GAGNE.
He has added Washington to his roster and has him as a well known prelim.
Good career move Mr.Washington.

## writing FROM behind THE 8

by: Jason Nijhuis

## Let them wrestle

I can no longer stomach the WWF. My excuse for watching the WWF telecasts used to be that there was nothing better to do, but now I've found something better- watching grass grow.
The WWF is so ridiculous that it is difficult to fit all of my criticizms into an article. Here are my favorites...
1) The four-part Superstar Billy Graham recovery series.
2) The pose down between Graham and Butch Reed with the fans as judges, not that they are biased or anything...
3) Mr.T as a referee. Boy, aren't we lucky the A-Team was canned so that the WWF can have an 'authority figure.'
4) The Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase. This man was a superstar is the UWF, defeating everyone from Hacksaw Duggan to One Man Gang to Terry Gordy, etc. Now look at him.
5) The Ken Patera Story, so touching I could just throw up.
6) The KING Harley Race, eight time NWA WORLD Champion, now circus attraction.
7) Honkytonk Man beats Jake Roberts at WrestleMania 3. He didn't deserve to even be there.
8) Jim Duggan & Iron Shiek get busted for drug possession while in the same car (arch enemies, eh?)
I am quite sick of the WWF and Vince McMahon's creations & favorites winning. Hulk Hogan is the best example. The Honkytonk is also guilty.
Enough already. These are just a few of the many problems I have with the Willy Wonkers Wrestling Federation.

JN

# What are you doing Thanksgiving Night?

The NWA and WWF are going head to head on November 26, 1987, the American Thanksgiving night this year.
Here is our special look to this special date. Our information is designed to give you an idea as to which event you might/might not want to go to.

## SURVIVOR SERIES

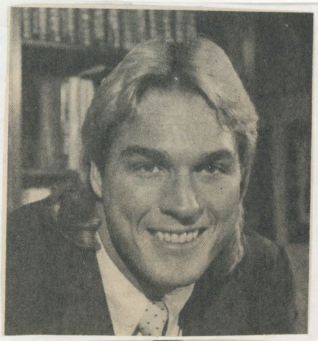
The WWF Survivor Series will be held in Richfield, Ohio. The feature match of the evening is a 10-man elimination tag team match tentatively listed as:
Hulk Hogan, Bam Bam Bigelow, Superstar Billy Graham, Paul Orndorff & Ken Patera
vs.
Andre the Giant, King Kong Bundy, Ravishing Rick Rude, Butch Reed and One Man Gang.
Other matches have not be announced and this one match that has been announced could very easily change due to injuries and/or politics.
We think there might also be a Randy Savage/Honkytonk Man title change and a Hart Foundation match, maybe against the Islanders or the Rougeaus.
Look for it to be on pay-per-view and maybe closed circuit television.

## Starcade 87

November 26, 1987

The NWA is planning their fifth Starcade extravaganza most likely to be held in Chicago, Atlanta and Greensboro. Last year it was in two locations, this year, they might be trying three or more spots. We just hope they remember WrestleMania 2.
No matches have been announced, but we forsee a Ric Flair / Ronnie Garvin match, maybe with Flair regaining the title.
There looks to be a TV Unification match between Nikita Koloff and Terry Taylor.
Lex Luger will probally have to face Dusty Rhodes (poor guy).
Basically, the NWA now has so much talent that the card could be incredible.
The question is what they are going to do with the likes of the Road Warriors, Rock'n'Roll Express, Midnight Express, Steve Williams, Tully Blanchard, etc.
This year's Starcade will be bigger than ever. It should be on closed circuit TV in any location where the NWA promotes regular cards. They are also negotiating pay per view TV.

In the opinions of the writers, both cards should be good, but which one you want to go to will depend on whether you prefer wrestling (the NWA) or big money hype (the WWF).
More info in upcoming issues.



Terry Taylor has completed a remarkable comeback by regaining the UWF TV Title.

Freebird Fantasia will no longer run wild.

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| Jason the Terrible | Terry Taylor |
| Hiro Hase | Eddie Gilbert |
| The Zodiac | Sting |
| Chris Benoit | Larry Zbyszko |
| Mukhan Singh | Dick Murdoch |
| Cpl. Kirchner | Shane Douglas |
| Brian Pillman | Black Bart |
| Gerry Morrow | Rick Steiner |

UWF - Tag Teams
Sheepherders
Brad Armstrong & Tim Horner
Eddie Gilbert & Terry Taylor
Sting & Shane Douglas
Michael Hayes & Jimmy Garvin

Notes- Seemingly, the only changes this month were in the tag team rankings, with each major federation having a tag title change. The UWF ratings were included this month to give you a sign of what once was and will never again be. More on the UWF situation next month, as the situation begins to develop.

## OWEN HART

223 pounds
Calgary, Alberta

Owen 'Kamakazi' Hart, the North American champion may just be the future of pro wrestling. In a world which has begun to stagnate, with useless champions and struggling promotions, Owen shines bright. He is fresh blood, always exciting, always fighting for what is right. He seems untouched by the bigger wrestling promotions, happy to be where he is, at home, wrestling for the fans that love him so. Keep doing what you have been Owen, we are proud of you- for being yourself.

SPECIAL ANALYSIS

## THE BATTLE FOR SUPREMACY

BY: GREG OLIVER

A brutal battle is being fought as you read this. The battle is between two giants, the World Wrestling Federation, owned and operated by Titan Sports, headed by Vince McMahon Jr and the National Wrestling Alliance, operated by Jim Crockett Promotions, and run by Jim Crockett Jr. Of couse, this battle is over professional wrestling supremacy. The question I am going to ry and tackle is who is winning and why they are winning.

At this momept in time, I perceive the WWF in the lead. The main reason is Canada. The Canadian market is basically limited to the WWF and nothing else can compete. This, if nothing else, has kept the WWF on top. Another reason though, is a constant changing of challengers for their champ, Hulk Hogan, the singlemost recognized pro wrestler in history. Hogan is the champ, and will be the champ until he decides not to be the champ. No one can beat him.

But the WWF is running scared. The NWA is making inroads into such former WWF strongholds as New York and Detroit. This year's Great American Bash was a huge success both financially and entertainment wise. This years Starrcade was going to be the biggest ever and was certainly going to blow the WWF away- until the Survivor Series.

The WWF got smart and planned their own huge show on Thanksgiving night. The show was designed to keep the NWA off of pay-per-view television and will certainly succeed. In my opinion, the Survivor show itself will be a folly- at least in comparison to the quality of matches lined up for Starrcade. The ten man tag match seems so confusing in relation to the simplicity of Ric Flair, the world's greatest wrestler, trying to regain his coveted world title from Ronnie Garvin.

On the other hand, the NWA seemed concerned enough to move Starrcade's starting time back to 4:00 pm to avoid direct conflict with the WWF. They are also having trouble keeping their wrestlers happy. The main problem is that their booker is on a major ego trip.

The sum the whole story up, in my opinion, the WWF is ahead of the NWA in The Battle for Pro Wrestling Supremacy.

# EDITORIAL

For the month of November 1987
by: Greg Oliver

Well, the WWF has done it again. The lure of their big bucks has brought another of wrestling's legends to their circus. This time, it is none other than Nick Bockwinkel, a four-time AWA World champion. Over the years, I have had nothing but respect for Bockwinkel. His tactics and moves may not have always been on the level, but he was always a class act. When I think of the AWA, I think of Nick Bockwinkel- his tag team with Ray Stevens, his battles with the Gagnes, Hulk Hogan, Larry Zbyszko, Curt Hennig, his manager Bobby Heenan, and the whole AWA wrestling scene in general- Class before Sass. Now the WWF will probally misuse his tremendous talents, either in the ring or behind the microphone. It's a sad sight.

## WF Notes...

The STRIKE FORCE- RICK MARTEL & TITO SANTANA defeated the HART FOUNDATION for the WWF tag team belts...
New to the WWF this month are:
NICK BOCKWINKEL, a four-time AWA champion and HULK HOGAN's greatest nemesis. He will most likely be used as a colour commentator, like JESSE VENTURA, as his best days in the ring are behind him. He may also be a co-manager with BOBBY HEENAN's family.
BORIS ZUKHOV, a former AWA tag team champ, is in as NIKOLAI VOLKOFF's partner. Together they are called the BOLSHEVIKS.
DINGO WARRIOR, as a good guy, and being called 'the ULTIMATE WARRIOR.'

RIP OLIVER, the man with the greatest last name in wrestling is in the WWF as a prelim. He could be a star anywhere else.
Other news: RICK STEAMBOAT will return for the Survivor Series to team with RANDY SAVAGE and his team... KEN PATERA & BILLY JACK HAYNES have formed a tag team. This team could be called 'the Criminals,' as both have spent time behind bars. SAM HOUSTON, brother of JAKE ROBERTS, made his WWF TV debut by defeating DANNY DAVIS in a controversial decision. Davis' foot was on the ropes... If anyone cares, DAN SPIVEY has turned bad... Speaking of bad, the WWF has scheduled their SLAMMY awards for December 19th. They are hoping to get them on national TV during the Saturday Night's Main Event time slot... The next SNME is slated for November 21st with HOGAN vs BUNDY in the main event...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

Before getting into the news, it should be noted that Stampede Wrestling seems to be attempting an expansion. Their roster of quality wrestlers is getting bigger and are attracting more attention than ever before. They are going to be promoting in more places, including the northern U.S. In the future, a possible alliance with the NWA may be possible. All this spells great things for fans of good wrestling. For years Stampede has provided quality, no nonsense, hard nosed wrestling, with few gimmicks and many many stars.
Now, onto the news...
This area is blessed with a constant incoming and outgoing of competition.

This month is no exception.
Returning are former Commonwealth champion CHRIS BENOIT. He has been teaming reguarily with JOHNNY SMITH.
STEVE DISALVO (Steve Strong) is also returning. He will most likely rejoin the KARACHI VICE... New to the area are PHIL LAFLEUR (Dan Kroffat) and newcomer STRAVOS GIALELIS, a Greek wrestler who they are promoting as a 'bad guy'...
The area has lost or will lose (at least temporarily) KEICHI YAMADA, BAD NEWS ALLEN, HIRO HASE and VIET CONG # 2...
MAKHAN SINGH is feuding with CPL.KIRCHNER... OWEN HART is feuding with JASON the TERRIBLE and his keeper the ZODIAC...
The GREAT GAMA is feuding with HIRO HASE...
Tag team champions BRUCE HART and BRIAN PILLMAN are now calling themselves 'BAD COMPANY'...

## NWA Happenings...

ARN ANDERSON & TULLY BLANCHARD beat the ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS for the NWA World tag team titles with a little pre-match help from the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS. This creates the perfect opportunity for a scaffold match at Starrcade 87 between the Midnights and Rock'n'Rolls... Speaking of Starrcade, the hype is in full gear and this will be the best ever. RIC FLAIR has been a raving lunatic on interviews regarding his matchup against NWA Champ RONNIE GARVIN at Starrcade... NELSON ROYAL beat LAZORTRON (HECTOR GUERRERO) for the NWA World Junior Heavyweight title... KEVIN SULLIVAN has firmly implanted himself on the side of the NWA good guys.
PAUL JONES is now managing the WARLORD as part of his Army. Also in the army are MIGHTY WILBUR, IVAN KOLOFF and KONGA the BARBARIAN. MANNY FERNANDEZ has disappeared from the scene...

## FL-O-RIDA Championship Wrestling

The NWA Florida circuit has now been assimilated into the NWA/UWF. The TV shows Championship Wrestling from Florida and Southern Championship Wrestling now go under the banner CWF to provide a nationally syndicatable show. This also coincides with the new NWA format of national television tapings for all of the shows that claim to be members of JIM CROCKETT's 'The Wrestling Network.'

## UWF UNIVERSAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

The SHEEPHERDERS- BUTCH MILLER & LUKE WILLIAMS beat the LIGHTNING EXPRESS- BRAD ARMSTRONG & TIM HORNER for the UWF tag team belts... New to the area are a team called the CANADIAN KODIAKS- you may have known them before as the LORDS OF DISCIPLINE. They are managed by SCANDOR AKBAR. Speaking of Akbar, he has given BIG BUBBA back to JIM CORNETTE to act as a bodyguard... STING & SHANE DOUGLAS recently had a brawl with EDDIE GILBERT & TERRY TAYLOR that continued all the way into the concession stand!
'The New Living Legend' LARRY ZBYSZKO is new to the UWF. He has joined up with 'Hot Stuff' Eddie Gilbert....

## AWA NEWS

'The King' JERRY LAWLER and 'Superstar' BILL DUNDEE won the AWA tag team belts from SOLDAT USTINOV & DOUG SOMERS (subbing for BORIS ZUKHOV) on October 11. They lost them to a masked man named DOCTOR D and HECTOR GUERRERO on October 19...
The tournament for the TV Title has begun and the leader in the race to get 50 points is TOMMY RICH, second is KEVIN KELLY... Speaking of Tommy Rich, he is feuding with ADRIAN ADONIS... DIRTY DICK SLATER is in wrestling full time and has formed an association with AWA World Champion CURT HENNIG... NORD THE BARBARIAN is returning to the AWA...
NICK BOCKWINKEL, BORIS ZUKHOV and LARRY ZBYSZKO have all left the AWA...

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

Rumour has it that EDDIE GILBERT, STING, TERRY TAYLOR, and MISSY HYATT all want out of the UWF. This type of package may be very attractive to the WWF.
BUDDY LANDELL worked one AWA TV taping and was apparently fired.
STEVE WILLIAMS has apparently quit the NWA/UWF. His last appearance might be Starcade.
RANDY SAVAGE and GREG VALENTINE are both being sought after by the NWA.
The WWF is looking to land BAD NEWS ALLEN into its stable.

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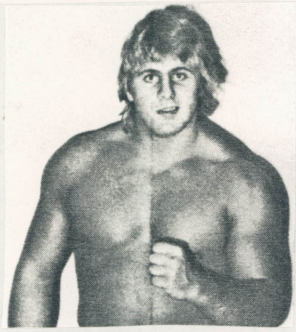

Owen Hart

## Letters to the Editor

'Congradulations, I just received your October copy of the Wrestling Report, and I think you've got me hooked!... The presentation of the bulletin itself is excellent. The computer graphics and bold face headlines certainly add to the quality. I am impressed by your speed for obtaining results. I did not know that Ric Flair had lost the NWA belt. I have seen confrontations between Flair and Garvin these last few weeks and I suspected that there would soon be a title change, but now thanks to you, I know that my prediction has come true. Please let Jason Nihjuis know that I loved his "Writing from behind the 8 ball" column. The only additions I would make to his list would be the "dog tips segments" involving the British Bulldogs; Demolition; and Vince McMahon applauding Brutus Beefcake's haircutting. Keep up the good work! Paul Loshuk Ottawa

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Send in your predictions for the new year, ideas for WHAT IF matches, any ideas you have for articles, criticisms, praises, your own articles, funny Christmas gifts for wrestlers, let your mind be creative!
We would really like to hear from you. Thanks for your support.

# WHAT IF...

by the writers of the Wrestling Report

## BRETT HART VS OWEN HART

Two of the greatest technial wrestlers in North American, matched in a brutal family battle. Arrogance vs Youthful Exuberance. The location would be Calgary, Alberta and the referee would be Wayne Hart. Picture the match.
Slow to start, each brother getting to know the other's style. Then the action begins to pick up when Brett takes the advantage- without using any illegal tactics. He goes to the ropes for some of his rarely seen aerial techniques. The crowd is split in its support. Owen moves as Brett misses with a flying elbow. Now it's Owen's turn to fly. He races to the turnbuckle and leaps across the ring onto the prone figure of Brett. He lands with devastating impact. But Brett kicks out. The action picks up more. They battle outside the ring, in the aisle, everywhere. Owen is left outside after a devasting suplex. The referee begins his count. Brett stops the referee count, and helps Owen back into the ring. Both wrestlers are near physical exhaustion, but the battle continues. Near pinfalls every minute. Owen takes the advantage with a fabulous leap from the corner. Brett looks beaten until Jim Neidhart runs to the ring to break up the count. Neidhart pounds on Owen as the referee signals for the disqualification. Brett stands and stares at his partner. He hears the cries of his brother and the pleas of the fans. Judgement day for Brett as he turns on Neidhart, battering him from pillar to post. The end of the Hart Foundation. Beginning of a new era for the Harts.
Brett and Owen dominate tag team wrestling around the world. The world takes notice of the little promotion they call Stampede. It was the greatest day in pro wrestling history when Owen battled Brett.

Brett Hart & Jim Neidhart, former WWF tag team champions

# PREDICTIONS FOR 1988

This month and next we will be printing predictions from our readers and writers.

Holly Girdwood:
Randy Savage will regain the WWF I-C title from the Honkyonk Man as a babyface.
Rock'n'Roll Express will dethrone the Midnight Express for the US tag belts.
Dusty Rhodes will beat Lex Luger for the US Title. Luger will then proceed to challenge for the NWA World title.

Tracee DeFeo:
New Breed will beat Midnight Express for US Tag Team titles
Bam Bam Bigelow will defeat Honkytonk Man for the WWF I-C title.
Paul Roma & Jim Powers will win the WWF tag team titles.
Ric Flair will regain the NWA World title.

Greg Oliver:
Hulk Hogan will face Andre the Giant at Wrestle Mania 4.
Ric Flair will turn babyface and feud with Lex Luger over the NWA World title.
Tommy Rich will win the AWA World title from Curt Hennig.
Greg Valentine will leave the Dream Team and Dan Spivey will take his place.
Sam Houston will win the WWF I-C title.
He is showing signs of being Vince's new favorite.

# COMING SOON!

DATES TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

NOVEMBER 21- SATURDAY NIGHT'S MAIN EVENT
NOVEMBER 25- WAR GAMES IV
NASSAU COLESIUM, LONG ISLAND, NY
NOVEMBER 26- WWF SURVIVOR SERIES
RICHFIELD, OHIO
NOVEMBER 26- NWA STARCADE '87
'CHI-TOWN HEAT' CHICAGO, ILL
DECEMBER 19- WWF SLAMMY AWARDS
JANUARY 2- SATURDAY NIGHT'S MAIN EVENT
JANUARY 24- NWA BUNKHOUSE STAMPEDE
FINALS
MARCH 27- WRESTLE MANIA 4
AUGUST- THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF
THE WRESTLING REPORT

# writing from behind the 8 ball

by: Jason Nijhuis

## Booker Dusty

From last month's column, you might have gotten the idea that I dislike the WWF. I do. But, I can even find problems with my favorite promotion, the NWA.
The main problem is VIRGIL RILEY RUNNELS JR, the man listed a booker for the NWA. This man constantly puts his 'alter ego' DUSTY RHODES into the spotlight of the NWA. Every match seems to be fixed for Dusty. Look at the Crockett Cup. Dusty & Nikita Koloff win $1,000,000 by beating LUGER & BLANCHARD in the finals and the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS in the semis. The Midnight Express! They beat the ROAD WARRIORS but lose to the SUPERPOWERS! 'FIXED!'
Another example is the booker setting it up so his best friend Rhodes gets to feud with US Champion Lex Luger instead of the former champion, Nikita Koloff! (I wonder if he'll win the belt- Dusty claims it is 'the only major NWA title that he hasn't won.')
The booker Virgil Riley Runnels Jr basically does a good job (but who couldn't with the deepest talent pool in the world!).
His problem is this guy Dusty Rhodes. Together they have the biggest ego in wrestling and expect everyone to bow and kiss butt. He has totally wrecked the UWF. If he were to drop out of the spotlight (preferably completely and forever), it would be so much more enjoyable to watch the NWA. JN

## Rasslin' Results

NWA Pittsburg
Nikita Koloff beat Lex Luger by DQ at 17: 56... Rock'n'Roll Express beat Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard at 12:22... Jimmy Garvin beat Manny Fernandez at 13:07... Ron Garvin beat Thunderfoot#1 at 0:52... Lazortron & Jimmy Valiant beat MOD Squad at 13:58... Sean Royal beat Kendall Windham at 8:19... Nelson Royal & Italian Stallion beat Gladiator#1 and Thunderfoot#2 in 8:47... Denny Brown beat Jerry Jackson in 5:35

WWF Toronto October 11, 1987
Rick Rude beat Paul Orndorff... Dream Team beat British Bulldogs by DQ... Butch Reed beat Superstar Graham... Hacksaw Duggan beat Johnny K-9... Boris Zukhov beat Hillbilly Jim... King Kong Bundy beat Sivi Afi... Sam Houston beat Barry Horowitz...

WWF Toronto November 1, 1987
Paul Orndorff beat Rick Rude in a steel cage match... Hacksaw Duggan beat Cowboy Bob Orton... Harley Race beat JYD... Jake Roberts beat Sika... Sherri Martel beat Debbie Combs... British Bulldogs beat Bolsheviks... Dream Team beat Young Stallions...

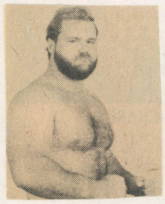
## Arn & Tully Win NWA Belts!

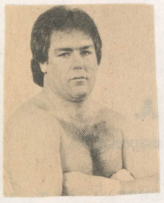
On September 29, 1987, the Rock'n'Roll Express lost the NWA World tag team titles to Arn Anderson and Tully Blanchard of the Four Horsemen. As the Rock'n'Rolls were making their way to the ring, the Midnight Express attacked them from behind. They seriously injured Morton's left shoulder and he had to return to the dressing room. Instead of forfeiting the match, Gibson took both Arn & Tully on. Morton later came to the ring to help his partner, left shoulder bandaged. Morton tagged in and tried to take on Arn & Tully with one arm while Gibson tried to clear his head, but it didn't work. Arn & Tully beat on Morton until Blanchard had Morton in a very painful armbar. Gibson saw the pain on Morton's face and entered the ring, saying that Morton had enough. The referee then announced the new tag team champions, by submission, Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard.

## In My Opinion....

by: Holly Girdwood

In my opinion, Robert Gibson did the right thing. He may have cost the Rock'n'Rolls the NWA tag team titles, but at least it shows where his priorities lie. He would rather give up the tag titles than to risk further injury to his partner and friend, Ricky Morton. I am sure that if the situation had been reversed, Rick would have done the same for Robert. This is why these two men are two of the finest that wrestling has ever seen.





## Starcade 87 Line-Up

November 26, 1987
Chicago, Illinois

NWA World Champion Ronnie Garvin vs 'Nature Boy' Ric Flair in a steel cage with no disqualification and no time limit
UWF Champion Steve 'Dr Death' Williams vs Western States Champion Barry Windham
NWA TV Champion Nikita Koloff vs UWF TV Champion Terry Taylor
US Champion Lex Luger vs Dusty Rhodes If Luger wins, Dusty cannot wrestle anyone in the world for 90 days
NWA Tag Team Champions Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson vs Road Warriors
US Tag Team Champions Midnight Express vs Rock 'n' Roll Express in a non-title Skywalker Scaffold Match
Eddie Gilbert, Larry Zbyszko, Rick Steiner vs Sting, Michael Hayes, Jimmy Garvin

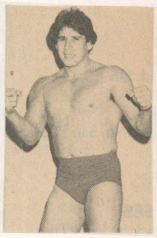
'CHI-TOWN HEAT' is the theme for this year's Starcade. In Chicago, there will be seven matches, that will be seen around the world via closed circuit television. Four matches are also planned to be live at the New Orleans Superdome and at the Greensboro Colesium. These eight matches will not be seen as a part of the Starcade package unless you attend at either of those locations.

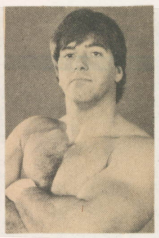
This year's Starcade looks like the best ever- but only time will tell. The NWA has been undergoing a change recently and the success or failure of Starcade 87 will determine whether or not it can make a run to dethrone the WWF from the top of the wrestling world.

## HART BREAK

## STRIKE FORCE WIN WWF TAG BELTS!!!

Ten months into their reign- it ended. The HART FOUNDATION- Brett Hart & Jim Neidhart lost their WWF World tag team belts to the STRIKE FORCE- Rick Martel & Tito Santana on October 26, 1987 in Syracuse, New York. Watching the match, which will surely be played over and over again in upcoming months, we wonder if Jim Neidhart really did submit to the Boston Crab. Neidhart is known around wrestling for being as tough as nails- how can a little guy like Martel make Neidhart submit in less than 5 seconds! Don't be surprised if they claim referee scandal- the referee was Gorilla Monsoon's son, Joey Morella- stupidity runs in the family.





## joke of the month

MIGHTY WILBUR has arrived! In his debut NWA TV appearance, Wilbur walked around the ring shaking hands with the fans. He shook the referee's hand and his opponent's hand. He then wrestled a perfectly clean match and helped his opponent up afterwards. Now you may ask what is wrong with any of this, well, Wilbur is managed by No.1 PAUL JONES! Everything that Wilbur did is against everything Paul Jones stands for. Since that time, Jones has managed to instruct Wilbur on how to act properly (kick, spit, insult, hurt, etc) and now Wilbur is a 'distinguished' member of Paul Jones' Army. But he still has one of the best smiles in all of wrestling....

## What I am doing Thanksgiving Night

by: Greg Oliver

You know, sometimes we really get ripped off living in Canada. For one thing, no one plans anything big on our Thanksgiving holiday- except CFL football. We have to wait for the American Thanksgiving night to see decent football and good wrestling. This year, there are two great wrestling events, the NWA's STARCADE 87 and the WWF's SURVIVOR SERIES. Here comes the other big rip-off, we don't get to see either up here. Those with satellite dishes may get lucky and stumble across them, but the odds are against it. So November 26th, I'm going to be sitting and wondering what is happening down in Chicago or Cleveland. Proud to be a Canadian, eh?

## SURVIVOR SERIES Line-Up

November 26, 1987
Richfield, Ohio

FEATURE MATCH:
Hulk Hogan, Ken Patera, Bam Bam Bigelow, Superstar Billy Graham & Paul Orndorff vs Andre the Giant, Butch Reed, Rick Rude, One Man Gang & King Kong Bundy
SEMI- MAIN EVENT:
Randy Savage, Rick Steamboat, Hacksaw Duggan, Jake Roberts & Brutus Beefcake vs Honkytonk Man, Danny Davis, Ron Bass, Hercules Hernandez & Harley Race
TAG TEAM MATCH:
Hart Foundation, Islanders, Demolition, New Dream Team & Russians vs Strike Force, Rougeaus, Killer Bees, British Bulldogs & Young Stallions
LADIES MATCH:
Sherri Martel and four ladies vs Fabulous Moolah and four ladies

The Survivor Series will only have four matches, featuring 50 of the stars of the WWF. Unfortunately, this format leaves out some of their best stars, such as Ted DiBiase, Koko B.Ware and Sam Houston and gives us their best stiffs- Hogan, Graham, Reed, Patera, Andre, Orndorff, etc.
The Series will be seen on pay-per-view television across the United States.

The Survivor Series has the potential to be a big money maker for the WWF. They keep the NWA off pay-per-view TV and get one of their biggest crowds in months- 22,000. The problems will be getting their athletes to work, and getting their fans to understand.

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## Rating the Superstars

CHAMPIONS

NWA- Ric Flair
US- Dusty Rhodes
WWF- Hulk Hogan
I-C- Honkytonk Man
AWA- Curt Hennig
UWF- Steve Williams
Western States- Barry Windham
North American- Owen Hart

| WWF- Top Ten | NWA- Top Ten |
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| Hulk Hogan | Ric Flair |
| Honkytonk Man | Dusty Rhodes |
| Randy Savage | Ronnie Garvin |
| Bam Bam Bigelow | Lex Luger |
| Ted DiBiase | Nikita Koloff |
| King Kong Bundy | Steve Williams |
| Paul Orndorff | Barry Windham |
| Rick Steamboat | Tully Blanchard |
| Hacksaw Duggan | Kevin Sullivan |
| Jake Roberts | Larry Zbyszko |

WWF Tag Teams-
Rick Martel & Tito Santana
Jim Neidhart & Bret Hart
Islanders
B.Brian Blair & Jim Brunzell
Demolition

NWA Tag Teams-
Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson
Road Warriors
Rick Morton & Robert Gibson
Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton
Chris Champion & Sean Royale

| Stampede- Top Ten | AWA- Top Ten |
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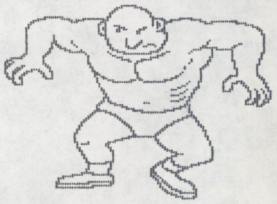
| Owen Hart | Curt Hennig |
| Great Gama | Wahoo McDaniel |
| Jason the Terrible | Dick Slater |
| Bad News Allen | Greg Gagne |
| Cpl.Kirchner | Adrian Adonis |
| Mukhan Singh | Tommy Rich |
| Chris Benoit | Jerry Lawler |
| Hashif Khan | Nord the Barbarian |
| Steve DiSalvo | Soldat Ustinov |
| Barry O | Mitch Snow |

AWA - Tag Teams
Randy Rose & Dennis Condrey
DJ Peterson & JT Southern
Kevin Kelly & Nick Kiniski
Wahoo McDaniel & Tommy Rich
Curt Hennig & Dick Slater

Notes- Obviously, the biggest news in this month's ratings is the changing of the two major NWA singles titles. In our rotating ratings segment, we feature the AWA. It has gone through many changes lately, due to talent coming and going, mostly going. You never know, this may be the last time we ever get to feature the AWA. I sure hope not.



Once again NWA World Champion 'Nature Boy' Ric Flair

## RIC FLAIR

243 pounds
Minneapolis, Minn.

'The Court of Miracles was indeed only a pot-house, but a pot-house of theives, as red with blood as with wine.'
-Victor Marie Hugo

Perhaps this famous writing best sums up the career of the 'Nature Boy' Ric Flair. Though it wasn't written about Flair, it demonstrates the emotions he has to deal with each and every day. His miracle is, of course, the NWA World title, which he regained from Ronnie Garvin to begin his sixth title reign on November 26th at Starcade 87. The pot-house represents the world of professional wrestling- indeed a world full of theives and back stabbers, cowards and villains.
But Nature Boy Ric Flair stands out from these 'mere mortals', having paid for his title with blood, sweat and tears. Slick Ric certainly has earned his wine, and truly transcends the sport of pro wrestling with his aura of excellence. Few have ever been as good as him, even fewer will ever be better. The world needs more men like Ric Flair- classic examples of what it takes to be a champion.

## DUSTY RHODES

302 pounds Austin, Texas

'The American Dream' has done it again, gone out on beaten the odds to defeat the seemingly invincible enemy. In this case, the Dream set a goal, and that goal was to become the US heavyweight champion. For Dusty Rhodes, it all came together in a cage match at Starcade 87 in Chicago. With his career up against Lex Luger's US title, Rhodes fought and fought until finally 'the Total Package' Lex Luger could take no more. And Dusty walked away with the United States title for the first time in his illustrious career.
Now that Dusty Rhodes is US Champion, he has an even tougher road ahead. Competition from the many top stars in the NWA should prove to be more than enough. But knowing Dusty, he will continue to stick his nose in where it doesn't belong, creating controversy and havoc. He loves to be the centre of attention in the NWA. 'The American Dream' cannot last forever, though, and this Dusty's dream could turn sour sooner than he may think.

## History Corner

'A look back at wrestling history.'

STARCADE 1983
November 24, 1983
Greensboro, NC

RIC FLAIR beat HARLEY RACE to regain the NWA World title
RODDY PIPER beat US Champ GREG VALENTINE in a dog collar match
RICK STEAMBOAT & JAY YOUNGBLOOD beat JACK & JERRY BRISCO to win the NWA tag team titles.
DICK SLATER & BOB ORTON beat WAHOO MCDANIEL & MARK YOUNGBLOOD
CHARLIE BROWN beat GREAT KABUKI
ASSASSINS beat RUFUS R.JONES & BUGSY MCGRAW
CARLOS COLON beat ABDULLAH by DQ
JOHNNY WEAVER & SCOTT MCGHEE beat KEVIN SULLIVAN & MARK LEWIN by DQ

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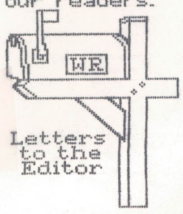



Letters to the Editor

'I enjoy the Report, I find it a little small (maybe another page) (or more writing staff?). But in favour of the reproduction of both the type and pictures is very good. I also enjoy the mostly Canadian outlook i.e. right from Tomko to AWA to Stampede and on to Toronto. I'm a lover of independents and the NWA although we have neither in our area. Mosca & Avruskin were sickening to the stomach. Miltie's new AWA show is fresh (as in regular TV, not pay) but the talent is pretty bad. I watch Tomko for a laugh! And I haven't seen Stampede in a few months. Keep up the good work. Thanks.' Wes Maidment Cambridge

Editor's Comments : Thanks for the letter. I too wish the Wrestling Report could be a little bigger, but to do so, WE NEED MORE WRITERS! ( Hint Hint Out There). If there is anyone out there interested in writing for us, then write to me at The Wrestling Report 15 Penrose Ave Kitchener Ontario N2A 1E9 I'd love to hear from you!

## Sorry Bret

The Wrestling Report stands corrected. We have been informed by the Bret Hart Fan Club that Bret spells his name with only one T. Before, unsure of the proper spelling, we had sometimes been using two Ts, sometimes one. Sorry.

But, to make up for this travesty, here is a Christmas wish from Bret Hart, regarding new WWF tag team champions, the Strike Force.
"It kind of ruined everyone's Christmas- millions of little children's Christmas, to see an old 40-year old Mexican and his partner, a French-Canadian, Ricky Martel, actually steal the wrestling belts." It sure wrecked my Christmas.

MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

This is the wrestling area where JERRY LAWLER is King and BILL DUNDEE is Superstar. It is the Memphis region where JERRY JARRETT calls the shots and JERRY CALHOUN referees.
The Mid-Southern region is run by Jerry Jarrett and an AWA affiliate that has a deeper talent pool than the AWA. It has long been a source of consistent, quality wrestling. Promoting mostly in Tennessee, CWA action takes a back seat to no one. Championships seem to change hands every week, creating an image of close competition. Their TV show is done at a TV studio, a perfect setting for their fresh new angles every week. The show, hosted by one of the best announcers in wrestling, LANCE RUSSELL, is entertaining and exciting.
The wrestlers in the Memphis region seem like everyday people, honest hard-working people. The top star and booker, Jerry Lawler, comes across as, gosh darn, the nicest guy you'd ever meet. Other top babyfaces, Bill Dundee, ROCKY JOHNSON, JEFF JARRETT and AUSTIN IDOL, could just as easily be bad guys as good guys.
The leading bad guy, at the moment is STEVE KEIRN. The top bad guys rotates like the sun.
The top tag team is PAT TANAKA and PAUL DIAMOND, who are heels. Other tag teams are HECTOR GUERRERO & MANNY FERNANDEZ, the MIDNIGHT ROCKERS, BILLY TRAVIS & MARK STARR, and the RPM's.
The talent is constantly rotating, with wrestlers coming and going all the time.
This, combined with some of the best match making and gimmicks in wrestling makes Memphis one of the hottest regions in the world today.
In the future, we hope to start regular reports on the Mid-Southern region, but as we go to print each month, I bet we would be behind in title changes by at least two. But, that's half the fun of watching the CWA - figuring out who has the championships - all five of them!

## Rasslin' Results

WWF LONDON GARDENS November 21, 1987
Honkytonk Man beat Randy Savage by DQ... Harley Race beat Hacksaw Duggan... Hart Foundation beat British Bulldogs... Junkyard Dog beat King Kong Bundy... Sherri Martel beat Rockin' Robin... Koko B.Ware beat Ron Bass... George Steele beat Frankie Lane... Paul Roma beat Conquistador #2...

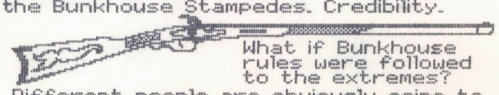
WWF TORONTO November 22, 1987
Ted DiBiase beat Hulk Hogan by countout... Randy Savage & British Bulldogs beat Hart Foundation & Honkytonk Man... Harley Race beat Hacksaw Duggan by DQ... Sherri Martel beat Rockin' Robin... King Kong Bundy beat Junkyard Dog... Ron Bass beat Koko B. Ware... Roma & Powers beat the Conquistadors...

## Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

The results of the November 28, 1987 Saturday Night's Main Event from the Seatle Convention Centre were as follows: King Kong Bundy beat Hulk Hogan by countout... Randy Savage beat Bret Hart... Bam Bam Bigelow beat Hercules... George Steele beat Danny Davis by DQ...
Savage vs Hart was probally the best match ever held on SNME. The action was breathtaking, the kickouts were great, the clowning was well done and both men did absolutely incredible jobs. Savage even did a complete flip out of the ring that 'injured his leg.' Both did spectacular feats from the ropes. My only complaint is after the commercial break, they seemed to try a lot less. But as long as the sound is off, I can watch it again and again. The entire show was much better than their last SNME on October 3rd. Bam Bam Bigelow made a superb debut against Hercules and received great fan support. Let's hope the WWF can keep up the quality of their bi-monthly showpiece. The next SNME is scheduled to air January 2nd, 1988.

THE NWA'S
## BUNKHOUSE STAMPEDES
DECEMBER 1 - JANUARY 24

This year, the NWA is hyping its series of Bunkhouse Stampedes more than ever. Now what is a Bunkhouse Stampede you ask? It is a battle royale, with 10 to 30 men, who are allowed to dress however they want for the match and to bring whatever they want into the ring. Controlled mayhem best describes it.
The last few years, it has been Dusty Rhodes who has prevailed as the overall champion of the Bunkhouse Stampedes. Winners of each individual Stampede are awarded points, and the wrestlers with the most points, as of January 24th, will be allowed to participate in the finals, on pay-per-view television live from the Naussau County Colesium in New York. Imagine, both Road Warriors, the Superpowers, the Four Horsemen, Barry Windham, Steve Williams, the Garvins, the Rock'n'Roll Express, the Midnight Express, Sting, Kevin Sullivan, Terry Taylor, Black Bart, Eddie Gilbert, Michael Hayes, Big Bubba Rogers, Mighty Wilbur, Mike Rotundo, Larry Zbyszko, Ricky Santana, the New Breed, and Ivan Koloff all in the ring at the same time battling it out, using whatever they brought to the ring with them. The Road Warriors with their spiked jackets, Ivan Koloff with his chain, Wilbur with a pitchfork, Rogers with a shotgun... This is a flaw I see with the whole idea of the Bunkhouse Stampedes. Credibility.



What if Bunkhouse rules were followed to the extremes?

Different people are obviously going to have different interpretations of the set rules to the Stampedes. 'You can bring what ever you want to the ring.' This could mean everything from a kleenex to a bazooka. You can't argue with success though. The NWA gets great gates and shows when a Bunkhouse Stampede is headlining the show.
This year, the show will be seen by many more than ever before.

# EDITORIAL

For the month of December 1987.
by: Greg Oliver

Let's hope that 1988 will bring a new light into the wrestling world. This past year, 1987, has been a year marked by tradegy and failure, more so than the competitive spirit and enthusiam that makes wrestling so incredibly appealing.

We have seen two good promotions, the UWF and Florida, bought out by the expanding NWA. The talents pools of both just assimilated into the NWA, losing the prestige and heritage of the titles those regions honoured. We have then seen the NWA grow and diminish in popularity. The diminishment can be attributed to poor, uneventful matchmaking. Having one of the deepest talent pools in wrestling, it is difficult to understand why the are having trouble drawing good crowds.

During 1987, we have also seen the downfall of International wrestling and Pro Wrestling Canada, two local promotions simply overpowered by the presence of the WWF in Canada.

The downfall of the AWA and World Class regions cannot be far off. Both are in financial difficulty and may not make it into 1988. Their problem has been a lack of major name talent and an insistance on dwelling on past glory.

Even the WWF has had its problems, poor attendence, scandals, and the like. But all their problems are simply over-shadowed by the BIG one, WrestleMania 3, which drew the biggest indoor crowd for any event in history. The WWF marketing strategy will go into full swing in 1988, as they attempt to move into new regions. Look for them to promote more in Canada, a market that is not oversaturated.

The future of wrestling is not in the hands of the big federations, though. It is in the hands of the little guys, the local promotions. Stampede, Memphis and Continental all have a stable base to promote from and are enjoying success that they've never had before. The smaller independents, such as Tomko, the NWF, Chicago and Big Time are having problems though.

To make wrestling survive, we must support these smaller shows. They are creating the talent to carry the torch tomorrow. They truly are the future of professional wrestling. Support them and you are insuring a better future for wrestling.

Over the next few months, we will be spotlighting the different independents out there, to give you an idea of the men behind the future of wrestling.

## WF Notes...

LUSCIOUS JOHNNY V has been fired. Members of his stable, GREG VALENTINE and DINO BRAVO, now have new managers. Valentine is once again being managed by JIMMY HART and is feuding with his former partner BRUTUS BEEFCAKE. In 1984-85, under Hart's guidance, Valentine was WWF intercontinental champion. Bravo meanwhile, will is being managed by FRENCHIE MARTIN, a fellow French-Canadian. Martin is actually PIERRE MARTEL, RICK MARTEL's older brother...

SUPERSTAR BILLY GRAHAM has been put out of wrestling (again!) by BUTCH REED and ONE MAN GANG. It is 'The Rock' DON MURACO who has vowed revenge.

The BIG controversy in the WWF at the moment is TED DIBIASE's statement that he was going to buy the World's title from HULK HOGAN. All the WWF announcers and wrestlers are arguing whether or not this should be allowed and if Hogan will sell. This statement shouldn't have surprised anyone, though. It should have been clear that it was the goal of the inventive gimmick.

Around the country, KING KONG BUNDY has been blindsiding Hulk Hogan during his title defenses. This sets up the next Saturday Night's Main Event, to be called "The Pearl Harbour Special."

The SLAMMY's on December 19th will feature, not only awards for singing 'excellence' but also different awards, such as best WWF Pet. I can't wait until they have FRANKIE B.WARE or MATILDA make the acceptance speech.

## NWA Happenings...

RIC FLAIR regained the NWA World Title from RONNIE GARVIN in a cage match at Starcade 87. The match lasted less than 15 minutes, a very short time for any RIC FLAIR match... DUSTY RHODES beat LEX LUGER to win the US heavyweight title, also in a cage match... A ROAD WARRIORS vs ARN ANDERSON & TULLY BLANCHARD feud for the NWA tag team titles is now in full swing, following the surprising defeat of the Warriors in their home town of Chicago... MIGHTY WILBUR has left the stable of PAUL JONES and is now feuding with IVAN KOLOFF and the WARLORD... BARRY WINDHAM, the Western States champion, is feuding with 'The New Living Legend' LARRY ZBYSZKO. Zbyszko is now being accompied to the ring by BABY DOLL... RICKY SANTANA is receiving a push by the NWA. With a little more experience and practice on interviews, he could become a major contender for any NWA title... A strange development in a MIDNIGHT EXPRESS vs ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS match questions the future of the Rock'n'Rolls as good guys. The NEW BREED came into the ring to attack the Midnights, but accidently clocked RICK MORTON with JIM CORNETTE's tennis racket. Following the match, the Rock'n'Rolls clearly were upset at the New Breed. Maybe, we can look forward to a Rock'n'Roll / New Breed / Midnight Express three-way feud... STING is going big time. He will soon be receiving shots at NWA champ Ric Flair...

## UWF UNIVERSAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

The UWF is slowly being assimilated in the NWA. Look for unification matches between the NWA World champion and the UWF champion and between the NWA tag team champions and the UWF tag team champs. The UWF TV title is already gone, when NIKITA KOLOFF beat TERRY TAYLOR in a unification bout. The TV programs have been turned into typical NWA shows, with huge numbers of squash matches, and lots of hype. They no longer have the huge brawls and fresh new angles every week- replaced by the mumblings of Dusty Rhodes and friends. The classic Mid-South Wrestling has been torn to shreds by the money hungry eyes of the NWA. Treasure the past.

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

Back this month is Tomko All-Star Wrestling. The area has found a few new prospective talents, who actually make the show somewhat good. The A-TEAM, the FROG and ATOMIC KID are the feature babyfaces in the area. Frog still wears his mask, but the ATOMIC KID is now known as BUDDY WAYNE. Both are young and exciting. They are managed by SUZIE TANNER, the former ref. New to JONATHON SAYER'S stable are VICIOUS VERN SEIBERT, the Canadian Junior Champ, ITON, who is very agile, and GORI SINGH, your typical East Indian mystic. Gone from the area are all of the big wrestlers. This should pick up action, as the lightweights have so much potential. Also, the part-time announcer MORROW RENALDO, has turned bad guy manager.

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

JASON the TERRIBLE and ZODIAC had a breaking up of their tag team. Jason beat Zodiac in a mask vs mask match, and the Zodiac was revealed to be BARRY O. BAD NEWS ALLEN then came to the ring, to offer his help to Jason. Allen turned and sprayed paint in Jason's eyes. The BRITISH BULLDOGS then came to the rescue. This should prove to be a great feud. The Bulldogs though, still work for the WWF and are not in full time... STRANGLER STEVE DISALVO is feuding with his former tag partner in Montreal, PHIL LAFLEUR... New to the Karachi Vice is HASHIF KHAN from Mongolia... The MUKHAN SINGH / CPL.KIRCHNER feud is having a series of Barbed Wire matches...

## Starcade 87 Results

November 26, 1987
Chicago, Illinois

'Nature Boy' Ric Flair beat Ronnie Garvin to regain the NWA World title for his 6th time.

Dusty Rhodes beat Lex Luger to win the US heavyweight title
Nikita Koloff beat Terry Taylor in a TV Title Unification bout
Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson beat the Road Warriors by DQ
Rock'n'Roll Express beat the Midnight Express in a Skywalker Scaffold match
Steve Williams beat Barry Windham
Sting, Michael Hayes & Jimmy Garvin beat Eddie Gilbert, Larry Zbyszko & Rick Steiner

This year's Starcade was one of the best yet one of the shortest. The quality of matches they had set up for the main show was super but, unfortunately, they didn't last like NWA matches. They seemed to be rushed for time. In all the show was one hour shortest than Starcade 86.

Overall, the success of the show was a good help for the NWA. Now they must reorganize and try to fill the empty arena seats. The only way to do this is to create some hot new angles and to bring in some fresh talent. Look for Crockett to go on a talent raid. Last year, he hit smaller promotions, and came up with stars like Barry Windham, Lex Luger, Brad Armstrong and Tim Horner. This year, don't be surprised if he makes a play for some WWF stars. This will be the year that Crockett will make it national or stay second best forever.

Midnight Express
US tag team champs

Midnight Express
AWA tag team champs

## Christmas Presents

by: Greg Oliver

The spirit of Christmas is beginning to capture me in its special glow. I thought it might be kind of fun to imagine a Christmas party for the wrestlers and the gifts they might receive. First, we dress up the MIGHTY WILBUR as Santa Claus. There is simply no one in wrestling with a nicer smile. Mrs.Claus will be 'Mrs.Moose' BABY DOLL. They'll have wrestling's local elf, SUPERSTAR BILL DUNDEE handing out the gifts. Herein are listed some of the gifts that some of the wrestlers received.

ADRIAN ADONIS- a Hulkamania workout set, no one in wrestling needs it more.
HULK HOGAN- a special t-shirt that no matter how hard he tries, he cannot rip.
MIDNIGHT EXPRESS - The Crockett Cup, which was robbed from them.
BRUCE HART- speech therapy, so on interviews, he doesn't say 'uh' every second word.
DUSTY RHODES- a design for a new Dusty Rhodes doll that squirts blood from the forehead and shoulder when it is hit in the stomach.
JERRY JARRETT and the CWA- national TV exposure, so that everyone can see the consistent quality that goes into their show and the tremendous talents possessed by their little known stars.
BUTCH REED- new legs, so that he can move just a little faster.
JIMMY VALIANT- a brand new rechargeable shaver, because if he lets anymore hair grow on his face, we won't be able to see his eyes.
NEW BREED - free haircuts courtesy of Brutus 'The Barber' Beefcake. They look funny now, imagine what Brutus could do!
KILLER BEES - masks that they cannot take off, so that no one has to look at their ugly mugs.
ROAD WARRIORS - a life supply of bodybags, to help all the opponents they've hurt.
GORILLA MONSOON - a tape recorder so that he can hear all the times he repeats himself.
THE FANS - more BARRY WINDHAM / RIC FLAIR matches, what the NWA Title should be all about.
HONKYTONK MAN - a one-way ticket on a plane that flies directly over the Bermuda Triangle.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

## SURVIVOR SERIES Results

November 26, 1987
Richfield, Ohio

Andre the Giant won the main-event, 10-man elimination match when he pinned Bam Bam Bigelow.

Randy Savage, Rick Steamboat and Jake Roberts were the last men left in the ring in another 10-man elimination match when they pinned Honkytonk Man.

Killer Bees won the 10 tag team elimination match by defeating the Islanders.

The original idea paid off for the WWF in more ways than one. Their main goal, to keep the NWA off pay per view television worked very well. The whole idea of another show on Thanksgiving Night really really diminished the grandeur of Starcade.
The WWF got a full house of 21,232 in Richfield to see the event live.
The card itself was exciting, with some unexpected upsets. Using the show, they have created some new feuds, namely the Islanders vs Killer Bees and Bam Bam Bigelow vs One Man Gang, King Kong Bundy and Andre the Giant. The WWF also succeeded in keeping Andre out of the action until the very last moments, which probally helped them more than anything. Next Thanksgiving, there will not be another Survivor Series, the WWF has already promised. They will look for another day to hold their show. Overall, a good effort by the WWF, and a successful competitive maneouver.

## AWA NEWS

The AWA tag title has now stopped in the hands of the ORIGINAL MIDNIGHT EXPRESS, RANDY ROSE and DENNIS CONDREY. They beat BILL DUNDEE and JERRY LAWYER for the belts October 30 in White Plains, Wisconsin with a little help from PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY's telephone. Lawyer & Dundee had only regained the AWA tag titles from HECTOR GUERRERO & DR D on October 25th in Memphis... MITCH SNOW has been looking impressive in recent matches. He recently beat AWA World champ CURT HENNIG by DQ on TV... Hennig has also been defending his title against JEFF JARRETT... NORD THE BARBARIAN has challenged Russian SOLDAT USTINOV... STEVE DISALVO (Steve Strong) was in for a few dates as BILLY JACK STRONG...

## writing from behind the 8

by: Jason Nijhuis

## Magic Midnight

When you talk about a tag team with speed, agility and good looks, you have to be speaking about the NEW MIDNIGHT EXPRESS, composed of BEAUTIFUL BOBBY EATON and SWEET STAN LANE. This team has moves in their repetoire that leaves you sitting speechless in front of the TV, like the double face buster, the double goozel, the ping pong and so many others. Their manager JIM CORNETTE strategically creates new moves which will enhance the Midnights' ability. Obviously, he has succeeded, as they currently hold the US Tag Team Titles. Many people feel that Cornette is the best manager around today. The Midnight Express are also assisted by Cornette's bodyguard BIG BUBBA ROGERS. At the moment, the Express are feuding with the ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS and lost a Skywalker Scaffold to the Rock'n'Rolls at Starcade 87. The NEW BREED also have been gunning for the Midnights. Ever since Sweet Stan Lane replaced LOVERBOY DENNIS CONDREY, the Midnight Express have found that they have no place to go but up the ladder of success in the highly competitive NWA. JN

## joke of the month

Just in time for Christmas, LJN Toys has introduced the VINCE MCMAHON doll! Hoorah! The best part of the doll is the Vince McMahon card that is found on the back. Here are a few of its choice words. Vince "is as well known as the WWF grapplers themselves." We agree to this one, he does run the entire show. Vince has a "dynamic personality and ability to communicate." Can Honkytonk dance? Vince is "popular and well respected in the field of sports entertainment." I love him - don't you?! And finally "Vince McMahon has truly established himself as a WWF superstar and a famous TV personality as well." Need we say any more?

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## Rating the Superstars

CHAMPIONS

NWA- Ric Flair
US- Dusty Rhodes
WWF- Hulk Hogan
I-C- Honkytonk Man
World Class- Kerry Von Erich
UWF- Steve Williams
Western States- Barry Windham
North American- Owen Hart

| WWF- Top Ten | NWA- Top Ten |
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| Hulk Hogan | Ric Flair |
| Honkytonk Man | Dusty Rhodes |
| Randy Savage | Lex Luger |
| Andre the Giant | Sting |
| Ted DiBiase | Steve Williams |
| Bam Bam Bigelow | Barry Windham |
| King Kong Bundy | Nikita Koloff |
| Rick Steamboat | Ronnie Garvin |
| Jake Roberts | Tully Blanchard |
| Greg Valentine | Mike Rotundo |

WWF Tag Teams-
Rick Martel & Tito Santana
Islanders
Jim Neidhart & Bret Hart
Dynamite Kid & Davey Boy Smith
Paul Roma & Jim Powers

NWA Tag Teams-
Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson
Michael Hayes & Jimmy Garvin
Road Warriors
Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton
Terry Taylor & Eddie Gilbert

Stampede- Top Ten

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| 1. Owen Hart | 6. Mukhan Singh |
| 2. Great Gama | 7. Steve DiSalvo |
| 3. Jason the Terrible | 8. Phil Lafleur |
| 4. Bad News Allen | 9. Garfield Portz |
| 5. Colonel Kirchner | 10. Kerry Brown |

Editor's Top Fifteen Tag Teams
(Based on wrestling skills and appeal)

Midnight Express - Lane & Eaton
Road Warriors - Hawk & Animal
Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson
Islanders - Haku & Tonga
Terry Taylor & Eddie Gilbert
Hart Foundation - Hart & Neidhart
Bruce Hart & Brian Pillman
New Breed - Champion & Royal
Midnight Express - Condrey & Rose
Rock'n'Roll Express - Morton & Gibson
Strike Force - Martel & Santana
British Bulldogs - Smith & Dynamite Kid
Midnight Rockers - Jannetty & Michaels
Lightning Express - Horner & Armstrong
Sheepherders - Williams & Miller

Notes - These tag team ratings are open for criticism. They are based on the North American wrestling scene.

## Champions

### JERRY LAWLER

243 lbs Memphis, TN

Jerry 'the King' Lawler is certainly no stranger to championships, and recently captured another. The CWA title was created to unify the three singles titles in the Memphis region- the Mid-America title, Southern title, and International title. The three champions Jeff Jarrett, Lawler and Manny Fernandez did battle in a round robin tourney to determine the first CWA champ. On his way to victory, Lawler beat Jarrett and then Fernandez. And so the King is crowned once again.

## And then there were Three Horsemen

With his victory in a Bunkhouse Stampede in Miami, Florida, LEX LUGER 'The Total Package' has declared his independency from the FOUR HORSEMEN. Here's how it happened. The last four men remaining in the Bunkhouse Stampede were Luger, TULLY BLANCHARD, ARN ANDERSON and their manager JJ DILLON. Dillon asked his proteges to leave the ring by their own wills so that 'he could go down in the history books' with the win. Arn and Tully immediately hopped over the top ropes, but Lex stayed. He looked around, grabbed JJ and threw him out of the ring, winning the Stampede. This encurred the wrath of Tully and Arn, who brutally beat Luger and left him for dead. Now it's Lex Luger, ex - Four Horsemen.

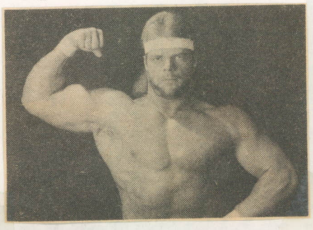
This may be the biggest mistake the Four Horsemen have ever made. Challenging a budding superstar who has already learned most of their tricks. Luger still is not a great wrestler but should improve even more battling the Horsemen. Lex will also most likely start an association with DUSTY RHODES and the rest of the NWA good guys.

During a long interview on the NWA WTBS show, Luger confessed his past errors and apologised to the fans and his former friends, especially BARRY WINDHAM.

The road for Lex Luger is now very much uphill. No longer will he get a free road to glory with the Horsemen - he will have to earn glory the hard way- he will have to earn it.

## The Replacement

Will the Horsemen pick a replacement? Who will it be? How about DICK MURDOCH? NIKITA KOLOFF? KEVIN SULLIVAN? STING? STEVE WILLIAMS? BARRY WINDHAM? AWA refugees CURT HENNIG or NICK KINIKSI? There is a pretty big list of possibilities!



## WWA World Wrestling Association

On January 17th, 1988, the World Wrestling Association will be holding a tournament in St.Louis to determine their first 'world' champion. The WWA is a newly formly coalition between many different wrestling areas, including Continental, Central States, Northwest, Southern Championship and WOW (World Organization Wrestling). Each area has or will hold their own tournament to determine which of their wrestlers will be entered in the championship tournament. So far entered are DICK SLATER, JERRY BLACKWELL, AVALACHE PAUL NEU, EARTHQUAKE FERRIS, RIP ROGERS, SWEET DADDY SIKI and others. Time will tell if this new organization will stay together and whether their champion will have any credibility at all.

## CYCLE RAMPAGE RUMBLE

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## Rasslin' Results

NWA ST.PETERSBURG, FL
NOVEMBER 28, 1987
Ric Flair bt. Ron Garvin... Road Warriors & Dusty Rhodes bt. Lex Luger, Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard by DQ... Rock'n' Roll Express bt. Midnight Express in a Bunkhouse Match... Barry Windham vs Larry Zbyszko - double countout... Nikita Koloff bt. Eddie Gilbert in a Death Match... Michael Hayes, Sting & Jim Garvin bt. Ivan Koloff, Warlord & Konga the Barbarian... Bugsy McGraw bt. Mighty Yankee #1... Mighty Yankee #2 bt. Ric Ryder...

WWF ST.PETERSBURG, FL DECEMBER 9, 1987
Hulk Hogan bt. One Man Gang... Honkytonk Man bt. Randy Savage by countout... Strike Force bt. Hart Foundation by DQ... Don Muraco bt. Dusty Wolfe... Rick Rude bt. Jerry Allen... Jake Roberts bt. Brian Costello... Ultimate Warrior bt. Rick Renslow... Ted DiBiase bt. Rick Hunter... Islanders bt. Lanny Poffo & Jerry Grey...

STAMPEDE EDMONTON DECEMBER 19, 1987
Bad News Allen & Makhan Singh beat Jason the Terrible & Owen Hart when Singh pinned Jason... Steve DiSalvo beat Phil Lafleur with a piledriver... Gama Singh & Garfield Portz beat Biff Wellington & Mr.Hito when Wellington submitted to the Cobra Hold... Ladies- Rhonda Sing beat Delta Dawn... Jerry Morrow beat Haskif Khan... Kerry Brown & Goldie Rogers beat Brick Bronsky & Johnathon Holliday...

WWF LONDON GARDENS DECEMBER 27, 1987
Hacksaw Duggan bt. King Harley Race... Demolition bt. Patera & Haynes... Paul Roma bt. Bret Hart... Jim Powers bt. Bret Hart... Glamour Girls bt. Jumping Bomb Angels... Dan Spivey bt. Lanny Poffo... Koko.B.Ware bt. Mike Sharpe... Ultimate Warrior bt. Steve Lombardi...

WWF TORONTO DECEMBER 27, 1987
Hulk Hogan & Bam Bam Bigelow bt. King Kong Bundy & Ted DiBiase when Hogan pinned Bundy... Rick Steamboat bt. Sika... Greg Valentine bt. Brutus Beefcake... Islanders bt. Killer Bees when Haku pinned Toma... Rougeaus bt. Conquisators... Ron Bass bt. Outhouse Jack... Jerry Allen bt. John K-9..

WWF HAMILTON DECEMBER 29, 1987
Hulk Hogan bt. Butch Reed... Hillbilly Jim bt. Dino Bravo... Hacksaw Duggan bt. Harley Race... Demolition bt. Patera & Haynes... Bret Hart bt. Paul Roma... Glamour Girls bt. Jumping Bomb Angels... Koko B.Ware bt. Mike Sharpe... Ultimate Warrior bt Steve Lombardi... Dan Spivey bt. Lanny Poffo...

## joke of the month

It had to happen. Eventually, some wrestler would step the boundries and enter the world of politics. Yes, CAPTAIN LOU ALBANO, former WWF manager, has entered the United States presidential race. His campaign slogan is "Let's Band Together", honouring the red, white and blue rubber bands on his face. Captain is a member of the newly formed 'People's Party', and claims to be running in an effort to return politics to the people. But all this good fun is for a good cause- all contributions to his campaign are being donated to the National Multiple Sclerosis Fund. Imagine. President Captain Lou Albano.

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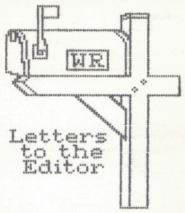
by: Jason Nijhuis

## Manager of the Year - PWI Style

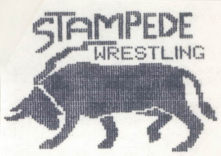
By now, I'm sure that alot of you have bought the newest Pro Wrestling Illustrated magazine, with their double issue year-end coverage. For those of you who haven't, on page 43, is their Manager of the Year- JIMMY HART. Have you finished laughing yet? What a joke! What did Jimmy Hart do that was so great? The HART FOUNDATION were destined to win the WWF tag titles, regardless of whether or not Hart managed them. The change from referee to wrestler was useless for DANNY DAVIS, he never fought anyone besides KOKO.B.WARE or GEORGE STEELE. And even compared to Steele, Davis has no wrestling talent. As for the HONKYTONK MAN, he only won the WWF Intercontinental title because 1) VINCE MCMAHON created him and 2) RICK STEAMBOAT wanted to go on vacation with his wife and new son. No one deserves the Manager of the Year award more than JJ DILLON. During 1987, he managed the NWA World Champion, the US Champion, the NWA Tag Team Champions, and the NWA TV Champion. That is FIVE championships, World titles, in his stable, each with more prestige than all the WWF titles combined! JAMES JULIUS DILLION should have won the Manager of the Year, with JIM CORNETTE a close second, JIMMY HART in third place, and PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY in fourth place. A typical, WWF biased decision. JN




## Letters to the Editor

'I have one question for you. What happens to wrestlers that don't make it as stars in the WWF? Are they transferred to another division of wrestling such as the NWA or UWF?'
Charles Goethals
Wallaceburg

This is a good question with a simple answer that is hard to explain. The WWF, the biggest wrestling show in the world, hires wrestlers that they think will help sell their product. An example is Dick 'the Rebel' Slater. He was hired because they thought he could sell tickets, but he failed. The wrestler then realizes that he has no future in the WWF and leaves or is fired. The WWF does not collaborate with any other league. They do not send their wrestlers to the 'minor leagues.' All wrestlers are on contract and are required to fulfill that contract. If a wrestler is realeased from his contract, he can then find employment elsewhere.
The world of wrestling is a highly competitive place, where the stars are constantly being lured away. The promoters want to find wrestlers that can sell tickets to fill arenas. The battle to sign the talent is non-stop and fierce, just like the real world.




The hottest thing on this circuit continues to be JASON THE TERRIBLE. They have been drawing great crowds whenever Jason and OWEN HART battle BAD NEWS ALLEN and MAKHAN SINGH... Out with injuries are BRUCE HART, with a broken shoulder, and COLONEL KIRCHNER with broken ribs... KERRY BROWN has returned to the area and is looking for a new tag team partner. As of late, he has been teaming with GOLDIE ROGERS... Coming to the area are RIP ROGERS and SUNI WAR CLOUD... GARFIELD PORTZ is an impressive newcomer. He is very good in the ring, but cannot focus his attention on interviews... OWEN HART will soon be leaving on another Japanese tour...

## LEARNING THE ROPES

Wrestling as a sitcom. How does it sound? It has now become a reality through Producer's Group International, a Canadian company which is producing a new TV sitcom entitled 'Learning The Ropes.' The show stars LYLE ALZADO, former football player for the Los Angeles Raiders. He is a private school teacher during the day and a professional wrestler by night. His in-ring alias is the 'MASKED MANIAC.'
The basic premise sounds good, but what does Alzado know about wrestling? Well, this is where the NWA takes over. Taking part in the wrestling segments are such stars as NWA World Champ, RIC FLAIR, the NWA tag team champs, ARN ANDERSON and TULLY BLANCHARD, the ROAD WARRIORS, LEX LUGER, THE KELLY TWINS- PAT & MIKE, and UWF Champ STEVE 'Dr.Death' WILLIAMS. Since Alzado's character wears a mask, they will not have to teach Alzado to wrestle. All they have to do is substitute a wrestler with a similar build under the mask. And two such wrestlers are Steve Williams and Arn Anderson.
Now the show sounds watchable. The NWA and Jim Crockett Promotions certainly has made a major breakthrough with this deal. The NWA will basically be getting national (Canadian) television exposure for their stars. The wrestlers will (most likely) be using their in-ring names and the associations at the time of the tapings. This may cause problems though. For example, at the last TV taping the FOUR HORSEMEN were still intact. If the show is to succeed, the NWA will have to find some way to explain to their fans the reason for these 'out of date' associations and friendships.

Not much else is known about the plans for this show. We do not know where or when it is to debut. One must remember that they have only taped pilot shows, meaning that the show will be given a short trial run, and if it appears to be a success, they will tape more shows for future brodcasts.
So, all we can say is watch your TV guide and look forward to 'Learning the Ropes' with Lyle Alzado and the stars of the National Wrestling Association.

# EDITORIAL

For the month of
January 1988
by: Greg Oliver

Welcome to 1988. Let's hope it will be a good year for all of you and for the sport of pro wrestling. The Wrestling Report went through a bumpy 1987, and the results of these problems have already been well documented. I can tell 1988 will be fun. It seems that you like the Wrestling Report and the goals that we are trying to accomplish. With your help I know that we can improve even more. Reader input can only help us. I really *enjoy* hearing from my subscribers and love to read your letters. I also enjoy talking to you. If ever you'd like to talk to me, the phone number is (519) 744-6839. Results from cards you attend, grievances, praises, we need them all. Please help to make it a great 1988!

## WWF Notes...

The WWF outdid itself with the horrible December 19 production of the Slammys... TED DIBIASE's proposal to purchase the WWF World Title was turned down (surprise!) by the kingpin himself, HULK HOGAN... Gone from the WWF are KILLER KHAN, SCOTT CASEY and COWBOY BOB ORTON. Of the three, Casey has the best chance of landing another job... The ISLANDERS and BOBBY HEENAN recently captured MATHILDA, the BRITISH BULLDOGS's mascot. Davey Boy & Dynamite pleaded on TV for the safe return of their beloved Mathilda... The drug tests in the WWF continue to result in suspensions for some of their top stars...

Look for the WWF show on January 24th in Hamilton to maybe be brodcast on TV. It features all of their top stars and their top production ideas. The only reason they would put a show on TV that date would be to attract some audience away from the NWA's pay-per-view Bunkhouse Stampede show on the same day. At that show, there is a ROYAL RUMBLE, a take off on the NWA's War Games. Twenty wrestlers participate, each drawing a number. The wrestlers enter the ring in order, one minute apart. Battle Royal rules then are implied... Locally, if you look at the Results printed elsewhere in this issue, you'll notice the WWF not putting much effort into match-making for local cards two hours apart. The London and Hamilton cards in late December featured the same matches, and the same results. This is not good...

WORLD CLASS PROMOTIONS has been sold by FRITZ VON ERICH and BOM BRIGHT to KEN MANTELL, former booker for the UWF, Wild West and World Class. Mantell, one of the most respected men in all wrestling, should be able to revive World Class wrestling instantly. His insistance on quality wrestling, few gimmicks, and great action was the reason for the recent success of the UWF. Look for him to form another association with COWBOY BILL WATTS, who was the other mainstay in the UWF. It was only a few years ago when the World Class promotion was the hottest around, when the Von Erichs were numerous and the shows exciting.

But then the selfish minds running World Class decided to leave the NWA. No longer did RIC FLAIR have to defend his belt against the World Class champion. An era of rivalry gone in an instant. Hard times then fell upon World Class, eventually leading up to the sale. It seems that Fritz Von Erich has been involved in Texas wrestling forever, but now that association has ended. Mantell's WILD WEST WRESTLING will merge with WORLD CLASS WRESTLING to finalize the transaction. In new World Class news: The NEW FABULOUS FREEBIRDS have formed. They are TERRY 'Bam Bam' GORDY, BUDDY 'Jack' ROBERTS and ICEMAN 'King' PARSONS... KERRY VON ERICH won the World Class title from AL PEREZ... Though the talent pool is not that deep, it should get better and deeper soon, now that Mantell is in charge...

## NWA Happenings...

The biggest NWA news is, of course, the turn of LEX LUGER against the FOUR HORSEMEN. Though, to our knowledge, he has yet to fight any of his former partners, he surely soon will... In other news, MIKE ROTUNDO has forsaken the proper path to follow in KEVIN SULLIVAN's rulebreaking ways. The two recently attacked NWA TV champ NIKITA KOLOFF. Sullivan seems to be a new managerial force in the NWA... MICHAEL HAYES & JIMMY GARVIN have replaced the ROAD WARRIORS as the number one contenders for the NWA tag belts held by ARN ANDERSON & TULLY BLANCHARD. The feud so far has been very hot and exciting with both teams often interfering in the other's matches... STEVE WILLIAMS is leading in Bunkhouse Stampede wins. The finals are on January 24th... The NEW BREED and ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS have had a few more confrontations, but yet to have actually fight one another. Neither team wants to lose the support of the fans... EDDIE GILBERT & TERRY TAYLOR are really being pushed as a tag team, and rightfully so. The team of Gilbert & Taylor is one of the best in the NWA... STING has proven to be a very tough contender for the NWA World title. His unpredictable style has often caught RIC FLAIR off guard, but he has yet to gain a decisive decision... RONNIE GARVIN has been fading fast following his loss of the NWA title... The UWF tag team title has disappeared along with the Florida titles...

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

The A-TEAM continue to impress in this region. THE FROG was recently unmasked following a vicious beating by VERN SEIBERT, ITON and DORI SINGH. They did not release his name... The Frog wants to battle the Canadian Lightweight champion Vern Seibert in a Studded Glove Match... 'The Rebel Rocker' RICK DAVIS will soon be returning to the area... The Frog is quite a character. I wonder where he manages to find green bandages!... MIKE EDWARDS, who you may recognise from the ranks of AWA and WWF prelims, is now being managed by NEIL DRUMMOND... The ladies continue to fill air space on this show. The battle is currently between IRON MAIDEN and SHALAMAR vs GIDGET, STACEY JACKSON and POLISH PRINCESS. Big deal, eh...

## AWA NEWS

Goodbye AWA.
Your end is near.
May you rest in peace.

The end is very near for the struggling AWA. They no longer run live shows, except for TV tapings. For thirty years, the AWA has been promoting their no-nonsense brand of pro wrestling. In recent years though, they have fallen upon hard times. A lack of big name talent along with very stale TV productions has eliminated it from competition. Unfortunately, one of their biggest problems was also one of their biggest ass(ets). Verne Gagne, nine time AWA World champ, majority shareholder, and head honcho always seemed to hold back the AWA, just when potential showed through. Though no one can criticize his wrestling achelvements, one can certainly question his motives with the AWA. At times, he wanted it back in the 1960's, classic wrestling, and at other times he tried to make it glitzy like the WWF of the 1980's. But Verne Gagne is also well known for his wrestling school, which has produced some of the best wrestlers around today, such as Ric Flair and Rick Steamboat. Hopefully, the school will continue to operate.

As for the stars of the AWA, they have been encouraged to seek work elsewhere. The other division of the AWA, the CWA, out of Memphis, will pick up the best talent. Curt Hennig might continue to be recognized as AWA World champion.

An era has ended with the demise of the American Wrestling Association. And a fine era it was.

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

With KEVIN SULLIVAN starting to guide the career of MIKE ROTUNDO, the wrestling world is wondering whether he will take on other wrestlers. Top canidates that Sullivan has expressed interest in are RICK STEINER, STEVE WILLIAMS and NIKITA KOLOFF. Williams and Nikita have recently been showing more aggressive behavior patterns...

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# Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

The results from the January 2nd, 1988 brodcast of SNME taped from the Capital Centre in Landover, Maryland were as follows: Hulk Hogan beat King Kong Bundy and then was Pearl Harboured by Andre the Giant... Jake Roberts beat Sika... Strike Force beat Bolsheviks in two straight falls... Greg Valentine beat Koko B.Ware and then was attacked by Brutus Beefcake...

Notes: This SNME seemed VERY boring in comparison to the past few. The best match was most definitely the Valentine / Koko match. The Beefcake run-in helped Jimmy Hart to lose a little hair. The Andre / Hogan thing is once again being pushed as the big feud for the spring which is WrestleMania time...

# NEW JOBS FOR AWA WRESTLERS

by: Greg Oliver

With the AWA soon to fold, I thought it appropriate to create some new careers for their 'top stars'.

If you screw a lightbulb into his head, GREG GAGNE can become the world's stupidest lampost... CURT HENNIG would make a great politician... ADRIAN ADONIS can become the world's largest island if he starts to swim in the Atlantic Ocean... SOLDAT USTINOV can become a hairdresser... DICK SLATER would make a good gas station attendant... TOMMY RICH would be a good cook in a downhome southern kitchen... MITCH SNOW could be an areobics intructor... NORD THE BARBARIAN could return to his job of car salesman... DJ PETERSON & JT SOUTHERN can pursue singing careers in the WWF... KEVIN KELLY can become a live statue, a profession where he won't move and will never talk again... WAHOO MCDANIEL will become a nurse, so that some of that blood that he has will be put to good use instead of messing up the ring... JERRY BLACKWELL will become a general in the US Army... NICK KINISKI will become a forest ranger... DENNIS CONDREY & RANDY ROSE will move to the NWA and become 'the Original Rock'n'Roll Express'... PAUL E DANGEROUSLY will land a job promoting Bell telephones... LARRY NELSON will become a radio announcer... And finally VERNE GAGNE will become the new president of the 'Bald is Beautiful' Club...

# Independent Promotions

Independent promotions are beginning to take the wrestling world by storm. The public is finally starting to realize the significance the independents. Booked mainly by high schools and colleges, they can be used as successful fundraisers for the school. The prices for tickets is usually very reasonable, under $10 for ringside, compared to whopping WWF ticket prices, this is a steal.

Independent promotions differe from the major leagues in many ways. Most of the people who work for the independents are either up and coming stars or the forgotten pro's. They also have a variety of matches to see- ladies, midgets, tag teams and main events every night.

In the WWF, they have the same matches with the same outcomes in city after city all month long. Instead of going, why not phone someone from another city! With the independents, they have different matches every night with some of the most unpredictable outcomes and some of the strangest opponents.

Promotions like this are hard to find, but if you have the chance to go, grab it! It is a refreshing type of wrestling. They have some of the best talent just waiting to be discovered.

Simply, it is the best wrestling for a true fan to go see.

# 37th Annual (second really) WWF Slammy Awards

December 19, 1987

Note: The following should be taken with the least amount of seriousness as is humanly possible. The events that transpired are the responsibility of the WWF and the TV station that carried the show. To the WWF and these TV stations, we simply say "Shame on you!"

And here are the results.

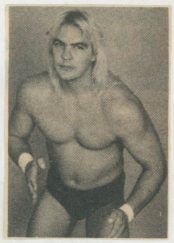
Best WWF Animal - George Steele
Jesse 'the Body' Award - Ravishing Rick Rude
Hulk Hogan 'Real American' Award - Superstar Billy Graham
Best WWF Head - Bam Bam Bigelow
Best WWF Manager - no winner
Woman of the Year - Elizabeth
Best Ring Appareil - King Harley Race
Best WWF Hit - Hacksaw Jim Duggan
Best Personal Hygene - Boris Zukhov, Nikolai Volkoff & Slick
Best Vocal Performance - Hacksaw Jim Duggan
Best Song from 'Piledriver' - winner unknown (result eaten by Sika)

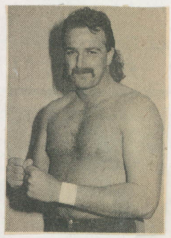
The award show was also graced by 'live' singing performances from Koko B.Ware, Vince McMahon, Honkytonk Man, Jimmy Hart and the WWF wrestlers.

Throughout the show, they also highlighted portions of a fight between Hacksaw Duggan and Harley Race that took place backstage. Bobby Heenan and Gorilla Monsoon also got involved in the brawl, attempting to stop it.

Overall, this was one of the worst productions ever done by a wrestling promotion. Seriously, I wonder what they were trying to accomplish. Most likely, they turned away more fans than anything else. The lewd, offensive comments and sickening sight gags surely must have upset some parents who may have been watching with their children.

The WWF has sunk to new levels of immaturity with the 37th Annual Slammy Awards. Hopefully, we pray, they will not attempt another such show, let alone another horrible collection of wrestlers trying to sing.





# WHAT IF...

by the writers of the Wrestling Report

sent in by Paul Loshuk Ottawa

## Barry Windham vs Jake 'THE SNAKE' Roberts

Though this battle may not seem all that interesting at first glance, let us reflect on the past. Back in the old Florida wrestling region, a young Barry Windham once had his nose broken by a hit-man named Jake Roberts. Upon closer examination, both wrestlers have had similar careers. Both have fathers and brothers in the business and neither follow the rulebreaking ways.

A match between the two could only take place if one were to leave his current federation, but seeing how this is unlikey, let us hypothesize on the match.

Barry would come out flying, in an attempt to catch Jake off guard, but Roberts is patient and catches Windham with a short-arm closeline to daze Windham. Roberts then takes the advantage, but is unable to pin the agile youngster. The scientific beginning gradually disintigrates into a classic brawl between two similar stars. With his past rule-breaking background, Roberts takes the advantage, setting Windham up for the devastating DDT.

Suddenly, Kendall Windham runs in and clobbers Jake. Kendall lays Barry ontop for the pin. In comes Jake's brother Sam Houston to sort out the mess. Houston and Kendall begin to go at it. Meanwhile Barry Windham rises to the occasion and executes a perfect flying lariat on Roberts to score the victory.

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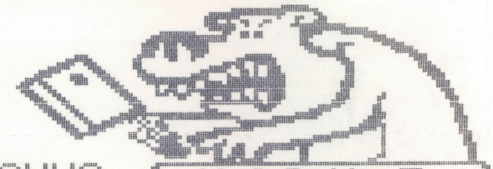

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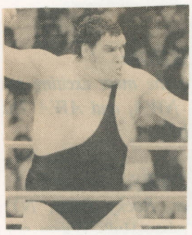
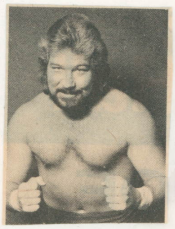
## Rating the Superstars



CHAMPIONS
NWA- Ric Flair
US- Dusty Rhodes
WWF- Ted DiBiase
I-C- Honkytonk Man
AWA- Curt Hennig
CWA- Jerry Lawler
Western States- Larry Zbyszko
North American- Owen Hart

| WWF Top Ten | NWA Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Ted DiBiase | Ric Flair |
| Honkytonk Man | Dusty Rhodes |
| Hulk Hogan | Lex Luger |
| Randy Savage | Larry Zbyszko |
| Bam Bam Bigelow | Mike Rotundo |
| Andre the Giant | Barry Windham |
| Rick Steamboat | Sting |
| Greg Valentine | Tully Blanchard |
| Jake Roberts | Ole Anderson |
| Rick Rude | Ronnie Garvin |

WWF Tag Teams-
Rick Martel & Tito Santana
Jim Neidhart & Bret Hart
Islanders
Dynamite Kid & Davey Boy Smith
Demolition



NWA Tag Teams-
Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson
Road Warriors
Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton
Lex Luger & Ole Anderson
Warlord & Konga the Barbarian

| Stampede Top Ten | CWA Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Owen Hart | Jerry Lawler |
| Great Gama | Bill Dundee |
| Jason the Terrible | Terry Taylor |
| Mukhan Singh | Jeff Jarrett |
| Steve DiSalvo | Billy Travis |
| Brian Pillman | Manny Fernandez |
| Rip Rogers | Scott Hall |
| Phil Lafleur | Jimmy Jack Funk |
| Chris Benoit | Gary Young |
| Jerry Morrow | Teijho Khan |

CWA Tag Teams-
Marty Jannetty & Shawn Michaels
Jeff Jarrett & Manny Fernandez
Jimmy Jack Funk & Teijho Khan
Doctors of Rock
Billy Travis & Ricky Nelson

Notes: This is quite a turbulant time for the world of professional wrestling. Here is list of the top stars who have recently left their federations for a different area.

| | |
|---|---|
| Steve Williams | (UWF to Japan) |
| Terry Taylor | (UWF to CWA) |
| Michael Hayes | (NWA to World Class) |
| Rick Morton | (NWA to ?) |
| Robert Gibson | (NWA to ?) |
| Bad News Allen | (Stampede to WWF) |
| DJ Peterson | (AWA to ?) |
| Big Bubba Rogers | (NWA to WWF) |
| Austin Idol | (CWA to independent) |
| Dennis Condrey | (AWA to independent) |
| Randy Rose | (AWA to independent) |
| JT Southern | (AWA to ?) |
| Tommy Rich | (AWA to independent) |
| Dick Slater | (AWA to independent) |
| Hector Guerrero | (CWA to ?) |

Why doesn't anyone ever leave the WWF?!

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## Champions '87

## ANDRE THE GIANT

497 pounds
Grenoble, France

ANDRE THE GIANT has accomplished what no man has been able to do in over four years, pin HULK HOGAN's shoulder's to the mat and capture the WWF World Heavyweight Title. So what if he had a paid off referee, he was for a brief instant WWF champion. Surely we'll being hearing more about this match, but Andre the Giant was awarded the title, following a referee's three count. The future for Andre looks bleak though, how long can his body carry the legend?

## Ted DiBiase 'MILLION DOLLAR MAN'

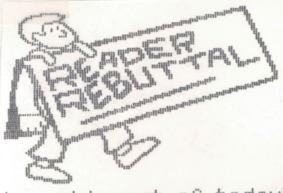
247 pounds Omaha, NB

Just moments after his protege Andre the Giant defeated Hulk Hogan for the WWF World title, Ted DiBiase became the twelfth WWF Champion. Sound strange? Well, Ted DiBiase was awarded the title by Andre the Giant. Does this mean that DiBiase is WWF Champion? Will the WWF allow their most important title to be given away? Will the WWF even let the Andre - Hogan title change stand? Time will tell. But as of February 5, 1988, Ted DiBiase is recognised by this writer as the World Wrestling Federation Heavyweight Champion.

## WRESTLING RETURNS TO NATIONAL PRIME TIME TELEVISION !

FEBRUARY 5, 1988 ON NBC

For the first time in over 33 years, prime time television was graced with the presence of the King of Sports, professional wrestling. The World Wrestling Federation brought about this spectacular news and put forward a one hour, two match card, designed to promote the upcoming WrestleMania IV. It was brodcast 'live' from the Market Square Arena in Indianapolis. The show started at 8:00 EST, with the first match, Honkytonk Man vs Randy Savage, beginning nearly 15 minutes later. This match featured much clowning due to the presence of Jimmy Hart, Peggy Sue, and Elizabeth at ringside. Savage won the match by countout, and appears set for a rematch at WrestleMania IV.
The other bout had much much more significance. Hogan faced Andre for the first time since WM3. The match was very slow paced, and had something we rarely get to see, Hulk Hogan attempting aerial manouvers! Andre wore down Hogan and with a small suplex and cover, he pinned the Hulkster for the title. This is where the confusion starts. Hulk did have his shoulder off the mat at the two count, but the referee continued the count. Andre is announced the winner, and gives Ted DiBiase the belt. A second referee then appears, who looks 'exactly' like Dave Hebner. Claiming foul, the two refs rumble, with the 'evil' ref winning. The Hulkster then proves his superiority over 150 lbs men by throwing the evil referee into the aisle, where DiBiase and Virgil await his plummet. THIS IS ONE STUPID GIMMICK. Most likely, this will not be cleared up until WrestleMania IV, where Hogan will get a chance to win his title back from either DiBiase or Andre.
They had a chance to prove that wrestling belongs on network prime time, but elected to make a mockery of the entire thing.
(Plus we never got to see the promised Strike Force - Hart Foundation - which would've be a wrestling match!)




LEAVE THE CRITICISM FOR FLAIR, NOT THE WWF!!

I agree that the WWF has sunk to new levels in stupidity and this area has been getting the worst of live cards, but let's give it a fair trial. Vince has brought most of today's major stars all together in one federation. His potential match-ups are endless. And no matter what anyone else says, no one has more talent. Another thing, Flair's always gloating about his victories and how he's faced all the men Hogan's afraid of. For one thing, Steamboat was no where near what he is today, and Flair's victories are a tad suspect, wouldn't you say? Rarely, if ever, do you see outside interference to save Hogan's belt. Another thing I'm sure, Ric Flair would be mighty scared if he had to face One Man Gang, Butch Reed, King Kong Bundy, Rick Rude, Paul Orndorff, Randy Savage, Hercules Hernandez, Andre the Giant, Ted DiBiase, etc. Don't get me wrong, Flair's an excellent wrestler but he won't be in Hogan's league until he stands alone.' by: Ang Terrana Hamilton

Editor: Thanks for the excellent letter. Maybe we do get too critical of the WWF and Hogan. We shouldn't really criticize a man who make millions a year, just on merchandise in his name. A agree that Flair would do better on his own, but, hey, we can thank Dusty for destroying the prestige of the NWA title, not Ric Flair.

## SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

The Southern Championship Wrestling group, based out of Georgia, has been landing some of the best available talent around. Run by JERRY BLACKWELL, the SCW is an AWA affiliate, and recognises CURT HENNIG as the World Champion.

Currently in the area, TOMMY RICH is feuding with AUSTIN IDOL. Former AWA tag team champions, the ORIGINAL MIDNIGHT EXPRESS, DENNIS CONDREY and RANDY ROSE, have just arrived and with them is manager PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY. DIRTY DICK SLATER has also set up shop in the SCW and is feuding with Blackwell.

A successful little independent may soon grow into an important part of the AWA.

## An Essay On: The State of Wrestling

by: Greg Oliver

As Canadians, we can do little else but watch the state of wrestling, as it goes through changes and adaptions in the american society. We can praise the NWA all we want, but we can do little to solve its financial troubles. We can criticize the WWF all we want, but as the cliche goes, it is hard to argue with success.

North American culture has been bombarded the last few years by professional wrestling, but has the general public's views changed? A little. Wrestling is still mocked at by the public, but show them a photo of HULK HOGAN and they'll know who he is. His loss of the WWF title on national network television was well documented by the media.

This is what pro wrestling has come to. And there is nothing we can do to change it.

With the minor success of the NWA's Bunkhouse Stampede, all we can have to look forward to now is a monoply, controlled and operated by the demented mind of Vince McMahon. And unfortunately, the WWF features little or no wrestling.

Does Vince McMahon actually love pro wrestling? What does he like about it, besides that it has made him rich? And Jim Crockett, how did he expect to compete when his expansion attempts were lacklustre and slow moving? And Verne Gagne, why does he continually spill out lies like he was still in the 1960's?

I wish pro wrestling could return to its old format. Where any decent wrestler could move to region after region, continually experiencing new things, and influencing new people. When Greg Valentine would be a top NWA contender one day, WWF contender the next day, a week later, try out the AWA, and return the NWA and become US champion. It was all so easy - and so far away.

That was then, this is now.

Professional wrestling is heading towards a monoply.

I don't want to see it.

I don't think anyone does.

But how far off can it be?

## Rasslin' Results

WWF TORONTO JANUARY 10, 88
Honkytonk Man beat Randy Savage with help from the Hart Foundation... Ted DiBiase beat Jake Roberts with help from Virgil... Glamour Girls beat Jumping Bomb Angels... Danny Davis beat Sam Houston... Dino Bravo beat Koko B.Ware... George Steele vs Ron Bass - double DQ... Brutus Beefcake beat Greg Valentine...

WWF HAMILTON JANUARY 24, 1988
Hacksaw Duggan won the Royal Rumble when he ousted One Man Gang... Jumping Bomb Angels beat Glamour Girls to win the WWF ladies tag team titles in a two out of three falls match... Rick Steamboat beat Rick Rude by DQ... Islanders beat Young Stallions in two straight falls...

The Hamilton show was brodcast on the USA Network across the United States. The show was very well put together and exciting.

WWF MAIN EVENT FEBRUARY 5, 1988
INDIANAPOLIS MARKET SQUARE ARENA

Andre the Giant beat Hulk Hogan to win the WWF Title... Andre the Giant gave the WWF Title to Ted DiBiase... Randy Savage beat Honkytonk Man by countout... Strike Force beat Hart Foundation... British Bulldogs beat Islanders... Hacksaw Duggan beat One Man Gang... Axe beat Ken Patera... Ultimate Warrior beat Sika.. Ron Bass beat Koko.B.Ware... Jake Roberts beat Harley Race... Don Muraco beat Butch Reed...

THE NWA'S
## BUNKHOUSE STAMPEDES
DECEMBER 1 - JANUARY 24

### The Finals

On January 24th, 1988, at the Nassau County Colesium in Long Island, NY, the NWA held the finals of the Bunkhouse Stampedes. The winner of the finals was, predictably, 'the American Dream' DUSTY RHODES. He ousted all competition to win the title for the third straight year. In other matches, NWA World Champion RIC FLAIR beat ROAD WARRIOR HAWK by DQ to retain his title. LARRY ZBYSZKO beat BARRY WINDHAM to win the Western States Heritage title... There were also two other matches, of less signifigance.

The entire show was brodcast on pay-per-view television across the U.S. The PPV was successful for the NWA, better than their Starcade PPV attempt, but the live show drew less than 8,000 people.

The success of this show may just help the NWA get it all together, just to stay in competition during the period of the year we call WrestleMania time.

WRESTLING TODAY IN PERSPECTIVE WITH THE PAST
by: HOWDY DOODY

## 25 Years Ago...

Welcome to a new column I was asked to do - sort of a "Mat Classic" in written form. I'll be going back to the year 1963 when wrestling matches were best out of three falls and lasted up to 90 minutes - now a whole card hardly lasts that long. Ring side tickets were $2.00, general admission $1.00, and kids free. Nowadays you have to pay $13.00 for a three year old! To keep this column interesting, I will try and relate articles from the past to current wrestling activities. So here goes --

Back in early 1963, a 21 year old nick-named 'Dunk' began a pro wrestling career. Now, 25 years later, he is still battling the best - he is Dory Funk Jr. Terry, his younger brother by two years, was still playing football at West Texas State and thinking about wrestling. Their father, Dory Funk Sr., was wrestling under a mask as 'The Outlaw.' Dory Jr went on to become an NWA champion. Now, at 46, his body has become flabby and retirement is not far down the road. Dory Sr. died a few years back, and Terry is still one of the toughest wrestlers around.

Also, in early 1963: The Destroyer, Fred Blassie and ex-football great Leo Nomellini returned from a successful tour of Japan... Wrestling out east was Captain Lou Albano and he was usually losing!...

See you next month!

MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

TERRY TAYLOR is new to the area as a heel. He recently beat up both CWA champion JERRY LAWLER and BILL DUNDEE... AWA Champion CURT HENNIG faced off versus Jerry Lawler, putting the World title up against Lawler's diamond ring. Curt won the match, with a little help from his father, LARRY HENNIG and was awarded Lawler's ring. Somehow though, Lawler managed to steal the ring back... The MIDNIGHT ROCKERS have forfeited their Southern tag team titles, due to their recent AWA tag team title victory. A tournament is being scheduled... A new masked team has appeared in the area called the DOCTORS OF ROCK. This follows a loser leave town match between the ROCK'N'ROLL RPM'S and BILLY TRAVIS and RICKY NELSON, which the RPM's lost. Strange co-incidence?... TEIJHO KHAN, formerly of the NWA, is in the area, and is painting his tongue green ala GEORGE STEELE. He has been teaming with JJ FUNK.. MANNY FERNANDEZ is now a good guy, and has been teaming with JEFF JARRETT... Also in the area are SCOTT HALL, GARY YOUNG and 'Nightmare' KEN WAYNE... This is certainly an area to watch!

## AWA NEWS

The other part of the AWA was recently rocked by the AWA tag team victory of the MIDNIGHT ROCKERS, SHAWN MICHAELS and MARTY JANNETTY over the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS, DENNIS CONDREY and RANDY ROSE. The win took place December 27 in Las Vegas. Following the loss, the Midnight Express anounced their departure from the AWA... GREG GAGNE won the AWA TV title by beating ADRIAN ADONIS by disqualification when COWBOY BOB ORTON interfered on Adonis' behalf. This was the finals of a two-month long tourney based on points that saw many wrestlers enter and then leave the AWA. The 'Ace' Bob Orton is looking much better in the AWA... MEDUSA MACHELLI won the AWA Ladies title by beating CANDI DEVINE. Predictably, she received a little help by NICK KINISKI... To clear up a confusion, NORD THE BARBARIAN is in the AWA, working the Minnesota shows. In the rest of the country, STEVE DISALVO (alias BILLY JACK STRONG) takes his place... Gone from the area are TOMMY RICH, DICK SLATER, DJ PETERSON and JT SOUTHERN, to name a few... TOM ZENK is in... The AWA runs about six shows a months now-a-days...

## NWA Happenings...

LARRY ZBYSZKO beat BARRY WINDHAM to win the Western States Heritage title on January 24th... MIKE ROTUNDO is the new NWA TV champion, after defeating NIKITA KOLOFF... OLE ANDERSON has come out of retirement to help LEX LUGER on his crusade against the HORSEMEN. Ole & Luger have proven to be an excellent team, if not an ironic team. It was Luger that replaced Ole Anderson in the Four Horsemen... DICK MURDOCH is the new bodyguard / protege of JIM CORNETTE, following the departure of BUBBA ROGERS... The ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS have been fired by the NWA... STEVE 'Dr.Death' WILLIAMS has walked out on the NWA, and did not show up for the Bunkhouse finals... MICHAEL HAYES has also left the NWA. He has moved to World Class... The NEW BREED are question marks in the NWA. They have not wrestled lately and their current status is unknown... TERRY TAYLOR has left the NWA... The WARLORD & KONGA THE BARBARIAN are looking good as a unit, and have managed to keep the ROAD WARRIORS off the NWA tag team title trail by involving them in another senseless feud...

## QUOTE FOR THE DAY

From a wrestling magazine from on or about 1965: "VINCE MCMAHON, the Washington, DC promoter who had big ideas about taking on the whole country a few years ago, has had to retrench severely. McMahon made a start in Detroit at the Olympia last year, but his last card which headlined Argentina Rocca vs Angelo Poffo drew less than $1000 with many wrestlers remaining unpaid. McMahon has had to quit in Chicago, Detroit, Montreal and his Pittsburg operations are shaky. His dreams of wrestling domination are collapsing following disaster in Cleveland and the injury and retirement of Buddy Rogers." It didn't work for VINCE SR, but it certainly has worked for VINCE JR!

## WF Notes...

TED DIBIASE is the new WWF champion, after his man, ANDRE THE GIANT beat HULK HOGAN for the title. The Giant simply handed over his lifelong dream to DiBiase. Decisions are pending as to whether DiBiase will be allowed to keep the title... New to the area is BAD NEWS BROWN, formerly known as BAD NEWS ALLEN, and before that known as BAD LEROY BROWN. He has potential to add some excitement to the WWF. Look for him to feud with RICK STEAMBOAT... BIG BUBBA ROGERS is coming to the WWF. The former bodyguard of JIM CORNETTE will most likely serve as a bodyguard for JIMMY HART, who takes more punishment than all other WWF managers combined... IRON SHIEK will soon be returning to the WWF. Your guess is as good as mine as to what they will do with him. The ULTIMATE WARRIOR is feuding with HERCULES... If anybody cares, DAVE WAGNER & RICK RENSLOW are being billed as the ALASKANS once again. The were a decent combination in the AWA a few years back... MATHILDA was returned to the BRITISH BULLDOGS by the ISLANDERS. The two teams are currently feuding... The JUMPING BOMB ANGELS won the WWF Ladies tag team titles from the GLAMOUR GIRLS on January 24th, in Hamilton... WWF Ladies Champion SHERRI MARTEL - in case you couldn't figure it out, is HONKYTONK MAN's girlfriend, PEGGY SUE.. PAUL ORNDORFF has disappeared completely... SUPERSTAR BILLY GRAHAM has been accomplianing DON MURACO to the ring... OUTLAW RON BASS appears to be finally getting a push...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

MUKHAN SINGH and JASON THE TERRIBLE have been fighting in a series of chain matches around the circuit. In a recent match, 'the Hustler' RIP ROGERS, the newest member of Karachi Vice, elected to get involved in the match, and helped Mukhan win the bout... STEVE DISALVO has turned his back on Karachi Vice, following a dispute with BAD NEWS ALLEN and JERRY MORROW... The Stampede region will miss the talents of Bad News Allen... CHRIS BENOIT continues to come closer to defeating GAMA SINGH for the Commonwealth title... BRICK BRONSKY is improving and soon will be a force to be reckonned with... GARFIELD PORTZ & Gama Singh have proven to be an excellent team...

## TOMKO

ALL-STAR WRESTLING

ROCKY DELLASERRA has returned to the area that gave him his start. This time around, he is a heel... They recently held a match between JONATHON SAYERS and NEIL DRUMMOND to determine this year's Manager of the Year. MORROW RENALDO was the referee, and helped Sayers win the distinct honour. Drummond is now a member of the A-TEAM... DIRTY DANNY DENTON has also returned to All-Star Wrestling. He appears to be a spokesman for the current tag team champion, DORI SINGH & ITON... The PLOUGHBOYS are a new tag team. They are DALE HOUSTON & MIKE MASTERS... AL TOMKO now has his own segment on the show called 'Tomko's Two Minutes.' He recently had an exercise program on. It sure wouldn't hurt Tomko to exercise!

## WORLD CLASS

TERRY GORDY beat KERRY VON ERICH to win the World Class World title... In other FREEBIRD news, MICHAEL HAYES has signed to wrestle for the area, and has reunited with Gordy and BUDDY ROBERTS as the Freebirds. ICEMAN PARSONS is the fourth member (at the moment!).. The FANTASTICS, TOMMY ROGERS & BOBBY FULTON, have returned to the World Class area... BRUISER BRODY has been wrestling off and on for this region... The lead bad guys in the area, besides the Freebirds, has proven to be JACK VICTORY & JOHN TATUM, two excellent competitors... VINCE APOLLO is an impressive newcomer...

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

Where will STEVE WILLIAMS go now that he is out of the NWA? Look for him to stay in Japan until after WrestleMania, and then to surface in the WWF. Odds are that JIMMY VALIANT will not have his contract renewed by the NWA. He may return to the CWA, where he has had some great feuds in the past. Rumour has it that PAUL ORNDORFF has been canned by the WWF. How did they expect him to work with only one arm anyway?

# EDITORIAL

For the month of February 1988
by: Greg Oliver

I hope that you've noticed a new column this month in the Wrestling Report. This column, named 'BLAST! From the Past' is a new thing for the WR, the past. Sure, we've had History Corners, but in my opinion, up until now, we've never actually known what we were talking about.

In the past few months, I have had more than one person offer to produce some articles about the past. One of these people is a gent from Vancouver named 'Howdy Doody' and I would like to give him a special welcome. He'll be writing the 'BLAST!' column about things that happened during the past month many years ago. In the future, if you, the readers like, we can have more features on the past. Please let me know if you'd like to see this.

# BIG BEAR PROMOTIONS

## Oh where have you gone?

by: Wes Maidment

For over fifteen years now, the Ontario region has experienced the thrills and spills of the local independent known as Big Bear Promotions. Operated by DAVE MCKIGNEY, better known simply as THE WILDMAN, Big Bear uses the wrestling bear gimmick to draw the crowds. McKigney also wrestled in the WWF as GENE DUBOIS a few years back.

Over the years, Big Bear has had many top stars working for them. When FRANK TUNNEY was in charge of Toronto wrestling, he had an agreement with Big Bear. Tunney lent out his $10,000 insurance bond, to allow Big Bear to promote cards (it is illegal to promote in Ontario without insurance and a sanction from the Ontario Athletic Commission) and in return, McKigney used his circuit to train some of Tunney's hopefuls. It was a successful partnership, as Big Bear flourished under the wing of Frank Tunney. During these prosperous years, such stars as BOBBY HEENAN, the BLACKJACKS, BRUISER, KILLER KOWALSKI, GEORGE STEELE, KEVIN SULLIVAN, BOBO BRAZIL, LARRY ZBYSZKO, JOHNNY VALIANT, DEWEY ROBERTSON, JOHNNY POWERS, and DOMINIC DENUCCI worked the Big Bear circuit, along with local talent, such as BILLY RED LYONS, DEWEY ROBERTSON, the BEAST, and DUNCAN MCTAVISH.

But hard times have fallen upon the Big Bear circuit as of late. The main problem has been JACK TUNNEY. Following the death of his uncle Frank, Jack Tunney took over the operations in Toronto and has virtually put the competition out of the running. He refuses to grant the Wildman use of his insurance bond, and therefore, Big Bear Promotions is sunk from the start.

We wish for a return of the glory days. Big Bear was a big part of the Ontario wrestling scene, a lower priced alternative, that always provided fun.

Don't be surprised if you do see a Big Bear show around though.
The Wildman does not quit.

# WRESTLEMANIA IV

MARCH 27, 1988
TRUMP PLAZA
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ

# writing FROM behind THE 8

by: Jason Nijhuis

## More WWF Junk

As an unbiased wrestling fan, I have given the WWF plenty of time to try and impress me. I can now say that it hasn't. I do not know how anyone can pay $21.00 for a ringside seat to see JUNKYARD DOG, KILLER BEES, BRUTUS BEEFCAKE, KEN PATERA, GEORGE STEELE, KAMALA, SIKA, or DEMOLITION and the list continues on...

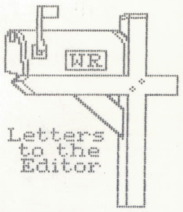
Granted in the last while, the WWF has had a few good feuds- ROBERTS vs STEAMBOAT, SAVAGE vs STEAMBOAT, SAVAGE vs HOGAN, BULLDOGS vs HART FOUNDATION, but on the whole, going to the Maple Leaf Gardens is a huge waste of money. It is hard to believe the WWF's Survivor Series was more popular than Starcade 87. There certainly are dumb fans out there.

'Boy, I can't wait for Andre vs Hogan at WrestleMania IV.' (yawn)

And the stupid angle of TED DIBIASE trying to buy the WWF title...

The WWF is simply all show business- if the NWA were to try the an angle of someone trying to buy a championship, it would go over like the Titanic. JN

# Letters to the Editor




## DOUBLE SHOTS

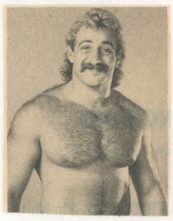
'I am against the double shots that Titan (the WWF) has been running lately. They lessen the quality of the matches and can only hurt crowds in the long run. How can wrestlers, exhausted from four matches and travelling from four different cities within 28 hours, be expected to keep up any kind of work rate? This seems to be in direct conflict with Titan's supposed new policy of an increased work rate.

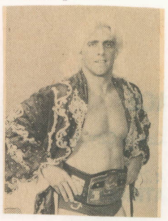
There is also the possibility of travel complications causing a show to be delayed or perhaps even cancelled. Fans become disenchanted when shows don't start as scheduled and express it vocally as well as perhaps by staying away next time. The time necessary for travel between shows also limits the length of the afternoon shows.

It seems to me that afternoon shows do not draw as well as evening shows with an equal line-up. I know they don't in my area, and in another town I travelled to recently, they drew approx. 1,800 people for an afternoon show headlined by Hogan and Strike Force, while the previous show (an evening show) drew a near sellout of about 5,000 without Hogan. I cannot see how double shots will help the gates in the long run. It may work as a stop-gap method, something wrestling promoters have long been known for.

Name Withheld Upon Request.

Editor: Certainly some things to consider Do you prefer evening or afternoon shows? What do you think about a federation tiring their wrestlers out by making them work both afternoon and evening show? I sure would like to know your opinions on this subject.





# WHAT IF...

by the writers of the Wrestling Report

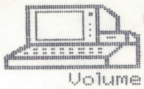
## MAGNUM TA VS RIC FLAIR

This dream match involves not just the pairing of these two wrestlers, but the dream of MAGNUM TA once again returning to active wrestling. Arch-enemies, FLAIR and Magnum would meet in a match for the NWA World title, in Wilmington, NC with a one hour time limit.

Flair enters first, JJ DILLON by his side. He looks stunning in an expensive robe and with the gold around his waist. Magnum then enters to the roar of the crowd with longtime friend DUSTY RHODES. Tears fill his eyes as he prepares for this eagerly anticipated moment.

The action begins in a flash. Fast paced and exciting, and surprisingly scientific, these two titans battle it out. A few rest holds early in the match, but the action picks up and the time flies by. Dropkicks, leapfrogs, crisscrosses, and hip tosses, but no pinfalls. Magnum looks in old form as he flies around the ring - but it seems unlikely he'll be able to pin the wiley Flair with only minutes remaining. The champ prepares to irish whip Magnum into the corner, but gets caught in a reversal. As the Nature Boy bounces out of the corner, he is met by the finishing move of Magnum TA, a belly to belly suplex. The referee registers the count and Magnum TA upsets Ric Flair to win the NWA World title.

Quite a match, if only a dream...

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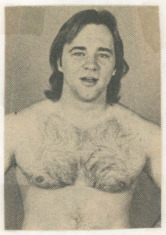

CHAMPIONS

NWA- Ric Flair
US- Dusty Rhodes
WWF- Title Vacant
I-C- Honkytonk Man
AWA- Title Held Up
CWA- Max Payne
Western States- Larry Zbyszko
North American- Owen Hart

| WWF- Top Ten In Championship Tourney | WWF- Top Ten Not In Tournament |
|---|---|
| Hulk Hogan | Bad News Brown |
| Andre the Giant | Koko B. Ware |
| Ted DiBiase | Brutus Beefcake |
| Randy Savage | Ultimate Warrior |
| Bam Bam Bigelow | Honkytonk Man |
| Greg Valentine | King Kong Bundy |
| Rick Rude | Hercules |
| Rick Steamboat | Ken Patera |
| Jake Roberts | Harley Race |
| One Man Gang | Sam Houston |

| NWA - Top Ten | Stampede - Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Ric Flair | Owen Hart |
| Dusty Rhodes | Gama Singh |
| Lex Luger | Jason the Terrible |
| Sting | Makhan Singh |
| Barry Windham | Brian Pillman |
| Larry Zbyszko | Rip Rogers |
| Mike Rotundo | Chris Benoit |
| Nikita Koloff | Leo Burke |
| Tully Blanchard | Kerry Brown |
| Jimmy Garvin | Steve DiSalvo |

WWF Tag Teams-
Rick Martel & Tito Santana
Demolition - Axe & Smash
Jim Neidhart & Bret Hart
Islanders
Dynamite Kid & Davey Boy Smith

NWA Tag Teams-
Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson
Road Warriors
Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton
Sheepherders
Brad Armstrong & Tim Horner

| CWA - Top Ten | World Class - Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Max Payne | Al Perez |
| Jerry Lawler | Terry Gordy |
| Jeff Jarrett | Michael Hayes |
| Bill Dundee | Terry Taylor |
| Billy Travis | Kerry Von Erich |
| Tommy Rich | Chris Adams |
| Gary Young | Kevin Von Erich |
| Jimmy Jack Funk | Iceman Parsons |
| Samoan Samu | Steve Simpson |
| Ken Wayne | Brian Adias |

CWA - Tag Teams
Max Payne & Gary Young
Ricky Morton & Robert Gibson
Samoans Samu & Kokina
Billy Travis & Ricky Nelson
Ron & Don Bruise

Notes - WrestleMania 4 takes the spotlight this month. On a whole, the WWF made good choices for their championship tournament. With a roster as big as theirs, it is tough to do justice to everyone... Look for the Crockett Cup ratings next month...

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## Champions

### LARRY ZBYSZKO

248 pounds
Pittsburg, PA

Larry Zbyszko has been known as a wrestler who didn't win the big ones. For years he lumbered in the WWF and AWA, with only brief tenures as WWF Tag Team Champ, and AWA Americas Champ to brag about. He didn't seem to win many titles, and he never stopped complaining about it either. But since his departure to the NWA, we have seen a different Larry Zbyszko. He set a goal, told the world about it (of course!) and accomplished it. Zbyszko's accomplishment is the Western States Heritage Title which he won from Barry Windham on January 24th in Nausea County Colesium in New York. This may be Zbyszko's greatest victory. He earnt it. He'll always be a shady character, and use questionable tactics, but it is good to see Larry Zbyszko finally do something with his career.

### TITLE VACANT

Weight Unknown Parts Unknown

The current WWF World Champion should be well known to the wrestling world. He has won titles everywhere around the world. We believe he is in some way related to current AWA Champion, Title Held Up. He won the title when Ted DiBiase was stripped of the title. He certainly knows the easy way to win a title - and he doesn't have to spend any money to get the title. Occasionally, Title Vacant teams up with his identical twin to win various tag team titles around the country.

### TITLE HELD UP

Weight Unknown Parts Unknown

The current AWA World Champion is also a veteran of the squared circle. For the last year, Title Held Up has been frequenting the AWA scene, and has managed to capture the title on many different occasions, though his reigns do not usually last very long, as he is often robbed of his title for violations unbecoming of a champion.

## 25 Years Ago...

In early 1963, LOU THESZ took the NWA World title in an exciting match from BUDDY ROGERS in Toronto. After 28 years of wrestling, it was Lou's sixth time as champion. Lou is now in his late 70's, and is semi-retired, promoting wrestling in the south eastern U.S. Buddy Rogers retired from wrestling because of injuries and was last seen on 'Saturday Night Live' acting as a manager for the late comedian ANDY KAUFMAN, who was then wrestling women. Later Kaufman was slapped around by JERRY 'The King' LAWLER on 'the David Letterman Show' and eventually has his neck broken by Lawler. By the way, the Blond Bomber Buddy Rogers' nickname was 'the Nature Boy' and he used a figure four leglock to win his matches - sound familiar RIC FLAIR?
Also during early 1963, back east, BRUNO SAMMARTINO was having classic battles with FRED BLASSIE, 'Bulldog' DICK BROWER and GORILLA MONSOON. Bruno's tag team partner at the time was PEDRO MORALES...
The FABULOUS MOOLAH was the number one contender for the Ladies World Title...
VINCE MCMAHON SR was the promoter in the Northeast, with New York City and Washington as his strongholds...
On the West Coast scene, RAY STEVENS was earning his nickname - 'the Crippler'...

Adios til next month...

## Rasslin' Results

NWA Los Angeles
January 21, 1988
Ric Flair beat Michael Hayes in 17 minutes by using the ropes for leverage... Dusty Rhodes beat Larry Zbyszko by DQ when Kevin Sullivan interfered and helped beat the pulp out of Dusty... Lex Luger beat Arn Anderson... Road Warriors vs Barbarian & Warlord ended in double countout... Nikita Koloff drew with Tully Blanchard... Barry Windham beat Destroyin' Samoan... Kevin Sullivan beat Hurricane Kid..

NWA Pittsburg January 29, 1988
Ric Flair lost to Sting beat DQ, when he threw Sting over the top rope... Dusty Rhodes beat Bobby Eaton... Lex Luger beat Arn Anderson... Road Warrior Hawk & Paul Ellering beat Ivan Koloff & Barbarian.. Tully Blanchard beat Jimmy Garvin with help from JJ Dillon... Mike Rotundo lost to Nikita Koloff by DQ when he threw him over the top rope... Stan Lane beat Ricky Santana... Warlord beat Jim Jackson...

WWF Toronto February 7, 1988
Randy Savage, Rick Steamboat & Hacksaw Duggan beat Hart Foundation & Honkytonk Man when Duggan pinned Bret Hart... Rick Rude beat Tito Santana... Dino Bravo beat Brady Boone... Sherri Martel beat Rockin Robin... Killer Bees vs Rougeaus ended in double DQ... Young Stallions beat Alaskans... Sika beat Koko B.Ware... Sika beat Steve Lombardi...

WWF London February 28, 1988
Don Muraco beat Rick Rude... Islanders beat George Steele & Junkyard Dog... British Bulldogs beat Bolsheviks... Jake Roberts beat Iron Mike Sharpe... Butch Reed beat Hillbilly Jim... Hacksaw Duggan beat Sika... Bad News Brown beat the Demon...

WWF Toronto February 28, 1988
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## RIC FLAIR vs STING
### ONE BATTLE OF THE WAR

On the night of January 29, 1988, at the Civic Centre in Pittsburg, Ric Flair was scheduled to face Michael Hayes in defence of his NWA World Title.
Michael 'P.S.' Hayes did not show.
The NWA gave the reason that 'due to injuries Hayes could not make it', but we all know he skipped town to Texas.
The 'Championship Commitee' decided to fill Hayes' place with a number one contender to the title. By this time the crowd was frantic about the match being cancelled (or Dusty Rhodes taking his place), but when they announced Flair's opponent as Sting, the crowd went wild!
It was a fast-paced, exciting match. I have never seen two opponents so different, yet so alike. The fans were evenly split between the two men. Any time Flair would cry his infamous "whoooo!" the fans were right behing him. And any time that Sting would howl, the fans were right behind him too. You could definitely say that the match was equally divided.
Sting took the advantage early in the match. With a hip toss, dropkick and howl, he had Flair heading to the dressing room. Flair regained his composure and re-entered the ring, to administer his own brand of punishment on Sting. The tide changed quite a few times before Flair got the final advantage. Once Sting began a comeback, Flair disqualified himself by throwing Sting over the top rope.
He lost the match but kept the belt.
And that's just one battle of the war.

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

The best bet for landing STEVE WILLIAMS is the World Class region, now sometimes called 'the new UWF.' Williams has stated while in Japan that he would be willing to put his UWF Title up against the World Class title in a unification bout...
Rumours have it that BILL DUNDEE is leaving the CWA region. We believe he'll resurface in the Continental region...
Look for the Financial News Network (FNN) to begin carrying the CWA region (Memphis) in the spring. This is great news, as at the moment, the Memphis show is seen on one station in the entire world...

## WRESTLING'S BIG MOUTHS
### WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY MEAN TO WRESTLING

Where would pro wrestling be without the men who can talk up a storm?
The wrestlers and managers who are always interesting, amusing, and annoying. Truly it is these people that keep us interested in pro wrestling. Someone to listen to while watching the sometimes lacklustre shows.
Herein is an analysis of some of the best talkers in the business.
ROWDY RODDY PIPER- Certainly the most widely recognized big mouth in the sport. This WWF superstar was at one time, the best reason to watch WWF shows. Piper's Pit became incredibly popular, leading to his turn to fan favorite, and eventual downfall. Rowdy Roddy will be back one day though - somewhere. You just can't keep a big mouth shut.
MAKHAN SINGH- Not very well known, but yet one of the best around. His interviews are always enlightening. His ability to poke fun at any and everything has Stampede fans both amused and upset. Not only does he slyly put down wrestlers and announcers, he picks on other local attractions like the Calgary Stampeders. A big man with a big mouth.
JIM CORNETTE- The manager of the Midnight Express, current US Tag Team Champions, Cornette is a little guy that makes his presence known. Flaunting his family's wealth, and making fun of Dusty Rhodes are two of his favorite things. He does such a good job on interviews, that he probally was the reason for the ROCK'N' ROLL EXPRESS leaving town, they couldn't take any more abuse. Way to go Jim!
RIC FLAIR - The Nature Boy, current NWA World Champion, knows how to talk. Unfortunately he has been talking too much about 'being a Horsemen' and not enough about being a wrestler. He has the hot air, he just needs to heat it to the right temperature.
LARRY ZBYSZKO - The New Living Legend always seemed to be talking from the shadows, being heard but not seen. Now even as Western States champion, he doesn't get justice on interviews, having to share the stage with BABY DOLL, and he is beginning to stagnate. Zbyszko is truly at his best with a microphone in his hands.

Who are your favorite talkers in wrestling? Why? Let us know.
Most people talk about wrestling talent, but to acheive stardom, you have to have charisma too, this is what the art of interviews is all about.

## World Titles

THERE ARE TOO MANY.
by: Steve Whitbread

There are too many world titles around today.
For example, on January 23rd in Kansas City, MIKE GEORGE won the NWA 'World' Title tourney to determine their first champion. The NWA was formerly known as the Central States area, and was a longtime associate of the NWA, and most recently, the AWA. The region they cover is certainly not very big.
This has much resemblance to the World Class decision a few years back to drop out of the NWA, and recognise their own 'World' Champion.
Today, the NWA, AWA, WWF, UWF, World Class and now the WWA claim that their promotions have the Real World Champion.
Enough is enough. This sport isn't big enough to have six world champions.
It is time for television shows, like Pro Wrestling Plus, newsstand magazines, and bulletins, to stop recognizing these minor league promotions as having World Titles. It just confuses everyone.
The AWA is on the edge of folding. The WWA draws an average of 500 fans to their shows. And until a world reknown star, like Terry Gordy, Stan Hansen, or Bruiser Brody wins the World Class title, it will remain minor league. At least the NWA has made a move towards merging the NWA and UWF World Titles.
If only the promotions could work together again like in the early 80's, trading talent, and allowing their stars to work special cards for the other promotions.
It would be nice to see a title unification round robin tournament to see who is number one in the world, but unless something happens to the greedy minds of the promoters around the world, it is impossible.

## MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

MAX PAYNE beat JERRY LAWLER for the CWA title on February 8th in Memphis. Payne also holds one half of the Mid-Southern tag team titles with GARY YOUNG following their victory in a tournament on February 1st to fill the vacant titles... SUPERSTAR BILL DUNDEE has turned heel following a Battle Royale loss to Jerry Lawler. Following that loss, Dundee pulverized JEFF JARRETT and Lawler with a chair... TOMMY RICH has returned to the area. He has apologized for past associations with AUSTIN IDOL and PAUL E.DANGEROUSLY, but claims that he still hates Lawler... THE ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS have returned to this area, which gave them their start. Look for them to feud with AWA Tag Team Champions, the MIDNIGHT ROCKERS, who are bad guys, believe it or not, in this area... THE NEW SAMOANS, SAMU & KOKINA are new to the area. Samu, a former Canadian International champ, is the son of AFA. Kokina is the son of SIKA. Therefore, they are indeed the New Samoans!... Gone are the RPM's, TERRY TAYLOR, MANNY FERNANDEZ, SCOTT HALL, and TIEJHO KHAN... BILLY TRAVIS is out with broken ribs thanks to Max Payne... Ever notice how Jerry Lawler seems to be in the centre of everything... Well...

## AWA NEWS

The JERRY LAWLER / CURT HENNIG feud was the highlight of the AWA circuit - until the AWA held up the world title once again, following yet another controversial match between Hennig and GREG GAGNE. This one was a cage match. I believe that the count is at three for times that the AWA title has been held up following Hennig / Gagne matches. This is getting carried away... The AWA most likely will not run any other shows next month than their Las Vegas television taping. It is also believed that the only wrestler on their payroll is AWA World Champion (sort of) Curt Hennig. Other wrestlers are encouraged to find other employment... PAUL DIAMOND and PAT TANAKA, known as 'Prime Time' are scheduled for upcoming AWA TV tapings. They will be managed by PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY. Odds are they won't stick around. In fact Tanaka is also committed to World Class... The ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS have been working for the AWA afiliate in Georgia, Southern Championship Wrestling...

## NWA Happenings...

RIC FLAIR vs STING for the NWA World Title continues to be the hottest ticket in the NWA these days... LEX LUGER and BARRY WINDHAM have formed a tag team and are making a determined effort to take the NWA World Tag Team Titles from ARN ANDERSON & TULLY BLANCHARD... 'The Games Master' KEVIN SULLIVAN is very proud of his 'Varsity Club' of NWA TV Champion MIKE ROTUNDO and RICK STEINER. Rotundo is feuding with 'Gorgeous' JIMMY GARVIN... DUSTY RHODES has settled his feud with BOBBY EATON of the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS following a cage match win on TV. Rhodes is now feuding with Western States Champion LARRY ZBYSZKO. The feud started when BABY DOLL, Zbyszko's valet, brought a package of photos to a TV taping, claiming that there were many 'incriminating photos' of Dusty inside, and unless he agreed to defend his title against Zbyszko, under their stipulations, the photos would be shown to the world. Nice gimmick. Thank you for not showing the photos... With the ROCK'N' ROLL EXPRESS gone, it clears the way for the LIGHTNING EXPRESS, BRAD ARMSTRONG and TIM HORNER to get a big push. They are currently feuding with the SHEEPHERDERS... ROAD WARRIOR ANIMAL had a bone near his eye broken during a weightlifting competition with the 'Powers of Pain', KONGA THE BARBARIAN and THE WARLORD... BOBBY FULTON & TOMMY ROGERS, the FANTASTUCS, are coming in. Look for them to feud with US Tag Team Champs, the Midnight Express...

## WWF Notes...

What else is there to talk about other than WrestleMania? Not much... The February 5th NBC extravaganza did well, 33rd out of 62 shows for the week of January 31, 1988 - February 6, 1988. This means that they were the 33rd highest rated show in prime time for that period of time. Not bad for first attempt, though many people expected better, as the show had the biggest possible attraction the WWF can offer. We will see if NBC will grant them another try... BILLY JACK HAYNES has retired due to injuries... JOHNNY V(aliant) is back with the WWF as a prelim wrestler... Also in as a prelim (however briefly) is EARTHQUAKE FERRIS... IRON SHIEK is indeed back in the WWF, though they have not decided what to do with him... What are they going to do with DINO BRAVO, now that he's 'Canada's Strongest Man'? Look for him to feud with KEN PATERA...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

OWEN HART is back in the region, following another successful tour of Japan. Don't let the honest tones of ED WHALEN fool you though, he didn't go undefeated. Owen had quite a few matches against HIRO HASE, who you might remember as VIET CONG #1... GARFIELD PORTZ will be out of action for quite a while. He has suffered a stroke... JERRY MORROW has been taking his place along side GREAT GAMA, as they attempt to take the tag team straps from BRIAN PILLMAN and BRUCE HART... New to the area and Karachi Vice is GARY ALBRIGHT, who is being billed as MAKHAN SINGH's half brother... LEO 'The Lion' BURKE has returned the area as a babyface. I wonder how well Owen Hart remembers Burke turning against him in a tag team match last spring... KERRY BROWN and RIP ROGERS have reformed their reknown tag team. Indeed, the have held many titles together, though not always under the names Brown and Rogers... BRICK BRONSKY should be returning soon... STEVE DISALVO may be gone, it is not certain at this moment. He has commited to various other independents though... STU HART has enquired at the NWA offices regarding the possibility of a RIC FLAIR vs OWEN HART matchup in the future...

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

The UWA 'World' Champion is RITCHIE MAGNET, a newcomer to the area. He is managed by MORROW RENALDO. The last time we saw the UWA Title was around the waist of DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS... AL TOMKO is wrestling once again. Under the guise, 'Mr.Cool', Tomko has been teaming with 'Rebel Rocker' RICK DAVIS against ROCKY DELLASERRA and VERN SEIBERT. Davis is Al Tomko's son... The Canadian Tag Team Champions are the PLOUGHBOYS, DALE HOUSTON and MARTY MASTERS. They beat ITON & DORI SINGH for the belts... The FROG had his leg broken by RITCHIE MAGNET... DIRTY DAN DENTON is feuding with the Ploughboys, and has been challenged to find a partner... BUDDY WAYNE beat Vern Seibert for the Junior title...

## WORLD CLASS

WOW is the word. The World Class region has formed a talent pool with some of the hottest independent promotions around, the biggest of which being World Organization Wrestling (WOW). Great news for the growing World Class region... This deal has landed them PAT TANAKA, who has the best DDT in all of wrestling... TERRY TAYLOR has entered the region, as a neutral. His first match was against World Class Champion AL PEREZ, a bad guy, yet he is starting another feud with CHRIS ADAMS, a good guy... MICHAEL HAYES has been hinting a turn to good, as he wants to put to rest the VON ERICH / FREEBIRD feud...

## Did you know that...

GARFIELD PORTZ, 'the legal advisor' to Karachi Vice, is actually SCOTT MCGHEE, a former Florida champion and WWF prelim. His real name is Jeff Portz...
KING KONG BUNDY appears in Richard Pryor's new movie "Moving". Bundy is, logically, a mover...
DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS is trying to start up another independent to work against Tomko All-Star Wrestling in Vancouver...


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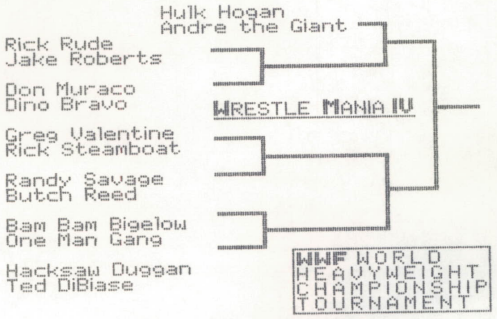
# WRESTLEMANIA IV

MARCH 27 1988
TRUMP PLAZA
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ

The time is upon us once again. What else can be said that hasn't already been said? This will be the biggest show of the year, maybe in history. The glitz and glamour will be there in full force, but so will the wrestling. Banking off praises regarding last year's Savage vs Steamboat spectacular, the WWF has set up some super matchups. And with their setups, they seem to be remembering past feuds from other areas - Duggan vs DiBiase, Valentine vs Steamboat, Roberts vs Rude. It is all set to be one great show.




## WRESTLE MANIA IV
OTHER MATCHES

For the Intercontinental Title:
Honkytonk Man vs Brutus Beefcake

For the WWF World Tag Team Titles:
Strike Force: Rick Martel & Tito Santana
vs
Demolition - Axe & Smash

Ultimate Warrior vs Hercules Hernandez

British Bulldogs & Koko B.Ware vs Islanders & Bobby Heenan

As of press, these are the only announced matches. We expect several others to be announced soon. The show will kick off at 4:00 pm. It will be quite a challenge for them to get all of these matches off without a hitch, and within time limit. Because they are putting the show on pay-per-view television, this means that they will have a time cap to meet. Our guess is that the cap is three or three and a half hours. Certainly long for a WWF show, but the matches won't be very long - but the clowning and interviews will be. It'll go down in history as one of the biggest. How big, we will find out March 27, 1988.

## CLIMBING THAT MOUNTAIN: THE BIG PLANS OF THE NWA

JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS has BIG Plans for the NWA.
a) The Crockett Cup. This year, it has been announced for April 22nd in Greensville, SC, and April 23rd in Greensboro, NC - billed as the Carolina Connection, it might be pretty amazing. They are hoping to bring in more talent, and create a huge, exciting show. The show will most likely be on pay-per-view television.
b) Ted Turner. The NWA is planning more joint ventures with Ted Turner and his huge brodcasting network, which includes CNN and superstation WTBS. One of these ventures might be...
c) The Night of Champions. Believe it or not, the NWA may challenge Wrestle Mania 4 with this one. Most likely brodcast on superstation WTBS, which is available to most cable subscribers in the USA, the Night of Champions has all the makings of a super show. Though a date has not been confirmed as of press, they have announced matches. Ric Flair will defend the title against Sting, the Road Warriors & Dusty Rhodes will (finally) defend the six man titles against Konga the Barbarian, Warlord & Ivan Koloff, Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard will defend the NWA tag titles against Lex Luger & Barry Windham, among many other matches, with more titles involved. Available on home TVs, this could really cut into the number of people going to WrestleMania IV, as most would rather not fork out heavy cash to watch closed circuit TV, or pay per view TV. Unfortunately, they may decide not to show this card on TV.
As you can see, the NWA is determined to challenge the WWF for supremacy. Their plans are not all confirmed, but the rough outlines have potential!

# THE WAY I SEE IT...

by: Greg Oliver

# WRESTLEMANIA IV

MARCH 27, 1988
TRUMP PLAZA
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ

Like any good editor, I feel compelled to give my insight into the biggest event of the year, WrestleMania 4.
The show will most certainly be the best ever. The setup really impresses me. I don't know about you, but I sure didn't expect a tournament to determine the WWF World Champion. But I like it. Everyone is going to have favorites in the tourney, who are you rooting for? After HULK HOGAN, I feel that the next best bet would be GREG VALENTINE. "Greg Valentine!" you cry "But he's up against RICKY STEAMBOAT in the first round!" So What. Valentine is one of the top five wrestlers in the WWF. He has just signed a big, long-term contract. He has charisma. And he doesn't take time off - a working wrestler - in the WWF!?. This is exactly what the WWF needs, a working champion. If Hogan is to win, he wouldn't defend the title for at least two months, because he has signed to a major movie deal following WM4.
Sure, I may be wrong in my prediction. But I do have other favorites. The finals will be Hogan vs Valentine, TED DIBIASE or BAM BAM BIGELOW. And if Hogan were to go against any of these men, it could go any way!
In the other matches, BRUTUS BEEFCAKE will undoubtedly win the I-C title from HONKYTONK MAN. From a geek to a gimp.
The DEMOLITION / STRIKE FORCE match will be pathetic - Demolition would never amount to anything except that they're in the WWF, which explains everything. Ricky & Tito will kick some major butt in this one, but it won't be pretty.
The BRITISH BULLDOGS will get revenge on the ISLANDERS, with KOKO B.WARE dropping BOBBY HEENAN on his neck, so he can wear the brace for a few more months.
The ULITMATE WARRIOR vs HERCULES could be a decent match, if you're into stiffs who love steriods. I pick the ANABOLIC WARRIOR in this one.
I don't know any other matches, so this is the extent of my predictions. I hope you enjoy the show, whether you get ripped off at closed circuit, bored watching pay per view, or patiently waiting for the video tape. I'll be doing the first.

# EDITORIAL

For the month of MARCH 1988
by: Greg Oliver

## LET'S HEAR IT FOR BIFF!!

Often overlooked in the wrestling world are the athletes who highlight the opening matches, usually called the preliminaries. The prelims are usually rookies or past stars trying to create a career.
Now, everyone has a favorite prelim. My favorite is BIFF WELLINGTON, from the Stampede circuit. He gives every match his all, as if it might be his last. He takes the pain, the falls, the punishment, and gets up for more. What an exciting wrestler - too bad he doesn't get a push.
Maybe it is because he doesn't have much charisma. I hope he is working on it. He already has the perfect build to make it in Stampede.
Wait it out Biff. One day you'll be a star.

# writing FROM behind THE 8

by: Jason Nijhuis

## A World Class Revival

I can't believe that this is happening. Just as I thought that World Class wrestling was going to fade out of existance, the promotion throws me a surprising curve. I mean after all, how many COWBOY TONY vs TONY ATLAS matches can they stuff down our throats, as well as KEVIN VON ERICH fighting AL PEREZ every week for the title! However, the sudden influx of talent will give this promotion a huge load of adrenalin. TERRY GORDY, MICHAEL HAYES, BUDDY ROBERTS, ICEMAN PARSONS, CHRIS ADAMS and TERRY TAYLOR are just a few big names who have returned to the Lone Star State. FRITZ VON ERICH must be pleased that this years David Von Erich Memorial Parade of Champions will be a success, unlike last year's huge disappointment.
It does my heart good to see World Class fighting for its place in the highly competitive world of pro wrestling. JN

# UPDATE:

BATTLE ROYALE FOR WM4...
ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS TO WWF...
I'LL BE GOING TO LONDON SHOW ON MARCH 13. I'D LOVE TO MEET YOU IF YOU'RE GOING. JUST PHONE (519) 744 - 6839...
TIL NEXT MONTH...

Greg Oliver

# the wrestling report

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## Rating the Superstars

CHAMPIONS

NWA- Ric Flair
US- Dusty Rhodes
WWF- Randy Savage
I-C- Honkytonk Man
AWA- Curt Hennig
CWA- Max Pain
Western States- Larry Zbyszko
North American- Owen Hart

| WWF- Top Ten | NWA- Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Randy Savage | Ric Flair |
| Honkytonk Man | Dusty Rhodes |
| Ted DiBiase | Sting |
| Hulk Hogan | Steve Williams |
| Bam Bam Bigelow | Larry Zbyszko |
| Andre the Giant | Mike Rotundo |
| One Man Gang | Nikita Koloff |
| Greg Valentine | Lex Luger |
| Jake Roberts | Barry Windham |
| Rick Rude | Tully Blanchard |

WWF Tag Teams-
Demolition
Rick Martel & Tito Santana
Islanders
Dynamite Kid & Davey Boy Smith
Nikolai Volkoff & Boris Zukhov

| Stampede- Top Ten | AWA- Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Owen Hart | Curt Hennig |
| Great Gama | Greg Gagne |
| Jason the Terrible | Jerry Lawler |
| Makhan Singh | Wahoo McDaniel |
| Brian Pillman | Bob Orton Jr |
| Leo Burke | Max Pain |
| Chris Benoit | Ricky Rice |
| Johnny Smith | Baron Von Raschke |
| Rip Rogers | Soldat Ustinov |
| Jerry Morrow | Tiejho Khan |

Our Top Ten Seeding For Crockett Cup
Midnight Express - Lane & Eaton
Road Warriors - Hawk & Animal
Barry Windham & Lex Luger
Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard
Fantastics - Fulton & Rogers
Powers of Pain - Barbarian & Warlord
Lightning Express - Armstrong & Horner
Varsity Club - Rotundo & Steiner
Shane Douglas & Ricky Santana
Sheepherders - Williams & Miller

Criteria for the seedings should be things like experience as a tag team, momentum going into the tournament, and their chance of winning. Dusty Rhodes & Nikita Koloff should never have won last year, let alone be seeded number two this year. Nikita has taken the last three months off coming to grips with 'American society.' They're the team most likely to break up during the tournament.

The Midnights are this year's best bet. They have been looking great in their matches against the Fantastics, and have almost been US tag champs for a year. Plus no one deserves it more.

## Hello out there:

We are looking for some comments about our ratings. Are they necessary? Do they reflect your opinions? How could we change them? Thanks for your input.

## Champions

MACHO MAN
## RANDY SAVAGE

245 pounds
Sarasota, Florida

As the entire world knows by now, Randy Savage became the new WWF World Champion by defeating Ted DiBiase in the finals of an elimination tournament at WrestleMania IV. It is a feat detailed elsewhere, so here's a little background on the new champ. He was born Randy Poffo Nov 15, 1952 in Columbus, Ohio. As a youngster, he dreamed of two careers, baseball and following in his father's footsteps as a pro wrestler. His baseball career started off with a contract with the St.Louis Cardinals. He was a catcher until an arm injury hurt his career behind the plate. Five years later, sick of the minors, Randy joined the ranks of pro wrestling. It was not a hard transistion, as he had been wrestling under a mask as the Spider during the off season. His nickname Macho Man came from a baseball announcer who was very impressed by Randy's batting power. His last name, Savage, came during stints in Georgia and Florida in 1976, where he took risks no one else would. Randy met his future wife Elizabeth in 1982 at a gym, while he was wrestling in the Mid-South area. Twelve years of wrestling brought him seven titles, and some memorable feuds against the likes of Jerry Lawler, Rick Steamboat and the Honkytonk Man. But all of his past pales in comparison to his future as WWF World Champion.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

WRESTLING TODAY IN PERSPECTIVE WITH THE PAST

by: HOWDY DOODY

## 25 years ago...

There was lots of action back east in Montreal. EDOUARD CARPENTIER, the great acrobatic wrestler, was Canadian champion, battling such formidable opponents as DICK THE BRUISER, KILLER KOWALSKI, and ANTONIO ROCCA, while earning over $100,000 a year - big money in 1963... Another top Montreal star was JOHNNY ROUGEAU. He was so popular that the late first minister, RENE LEVESQUE enlisted his aid in politcal contests. Johnny also owned the well known 'Mocambo' night club in downtown Montreal. He is, I believe, the uncle of the WWF Rougeaus... Another headliner from Quebec was MAURICE VACHON. Maurice, at this time, was terrorizing the Pacific Northwest, billed as 'Mad Dog' from Algeria. He also tagged with his brother PAUL 'The Butcher' for years. Their sister, VIVIAN was also a top attraction. Maurice recently lost a leg in an accident, Paul occasionally wrestles, Vivian is retired, and the latest member of the wrestling Vachon family - LUNA, can be found in the P.O.W.W. group... Lady wrestlers were very popular in 1963, as were the midgets. Today the ladies are still drawing the crowds while the midgets have become very scarce. Twenty five years ago, the 'World's Midget Champion' (yes they had one) was a Canadian, using the name LITTLE BEAVER - he is still one of the best there is today... Adios til next month...

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## COMING SOON!

DATES TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

APRIL 22 & 23 : Jim Crockett Sr Memorial Cup
JULY 1988 : Great American Bash '88
AUGUST 29, 1988 : WWF Pay Per View Spectacular
NOVEMBER 24, 1988 : Starcade '88
NOVEMBER 24, 1988 : WWF Pay Per View Spectacular
JANUARY 22, 1989 : WWF Pay Per View Spectacular
MARCH 19, 1989 : WrestleMania V

## Rasslin' Results

WWF LOS ANGELES
MARCH 6, 1988
Hulk Hogan & Hacksaw Dugan beat Ted DiBiase & Virgil when Duggan pinned Virgil... Hercules beat Ken Patera by DQ... Rick Steamboat drew with Rick Rude... Sherri Martel beat Rockin Robin... Bolsheviks beat Young Stallions... Brady Boone beat Jack Armstrong... Koko B Ware beat Johnny V... Bad News Brown beat Scott Casey... Cowboy Lang & Karate Kid beat Little Tokyo & Lord Littlebrook...

WWF LONDON MARCH 13, 1988 2:00 pm
Killer Bees beat Butch Reed and One Man Gang when Bam Bam Bigelow & Don Muraco ran into the ring, and Bam Bam scored the pin... Ted DiBiase beat George Steele... SD Jones beat Johnny V... Brutus Beefcake beat Greg Valentine by DQ... Bolsheviks beat Killer Bees... Jumping Bomb Angels beat Glamour Girls... SD Jones & Koko B Ware beat Bolsheviks by DQ... Dino Bravo beat Koko B Ware...

WWF HAMILTON MARCH 13, 1988 7:30 pm
Hulk Hogan & Bam Bam Bigelow beat Virgil & Ted DiBiase when Hogan pinned Virgil... Don Muraco & George Steele beat Butch Reed & One Man Gang... Bolsheviks beat Killer Bees... Brutus Beefcake beat Greg Valentine by DQ... Dino Bravo beat Koko B Ware... SD Jones beat Johnny V... Noriyo Tateno beat Judy Martin... Itsuki Yamakazi beat Lelani Kai...

NWA LOS ANGELES MARCH 17, 1988
Ric Flair beat Sting... Road Warriors beat Powers of Pain... Lex Luger & Barry Windham beat Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard by DQ... Mike Rotundo drew with Jimmy Garvin... Larry Zbyszko beat Ronnie Garvin... Rick Steiner beat Pistol Pete... Mando Guerrero drew with Tony Rocco...

UWA (Independent) REXDALE
MARCH 17, 1988 3:00 pm (partial)
Steve Strong beat Bodybuilder Michael Payette by countout... Rocky & Ricky Johnson beat Johnny K-9 & Bob Dellaserra by DQ... Mandingo Warrior beat TNT Tyson...

## The Fabulous Freebirds make it truly a WORLD CLASS organization

by Steve Whitbread

Around this time last year I was ready to write off the World Class Promotion.
But then came Ken Mantell - as an owner, and he brought with him the Fabulous Freebirds.
And the Freebirds have gotten the World Class show rolling again.
On Christmas night, Mantell ran an angle with the Freebirds- Terry Gordy, Buddy Roberts, Iceman Parsons & the Angel of Death, attacking Fritz Von Erich and causing a major heart attack. Papa's life was in danger, and his sons vowed revenge. Some may call it tasteless, but it got the point across. The Fabulous Freebirds were once again the most hated grapplers in Texas.
The crowds began to pick up, Terry Taylor re-ignited a feud with Chris Adams, Kerry Von Erich battled Al Perez...
And then came Michael Hayes.
He was greeted by Buddy Roberts, Iceman Parsons and the Angel of Death. They wanted him to join their Freebirds are help run the Von Erichs out of wrestling. Hayes declined the offer, claiming he wanted no part of the Von Erich feud, that the feud had already been run into the ground. Tempers began to flare, when Terry Gordy appeared. It looked like it would be four-on-one, until Gordy shook Michael's hand and gave his commitment to whatever he had planned.
A few weeks later, during a concert, Michael Hayes invited the Von Erich family on stage, as he was going to dedicate a song to the late David Von Erich. Parsons and Roberts attacked the Von Erichs, but missed and clocked Michael Hayes, putting him out for several weeks.
As we go to press, Michael Hayes has just returned from his injury, and Terry Gordy has returned from Japan. Gordy surprised many by joining the Freebirds, not Hayes as he had promised.
It looks like Hayes & the Von Erichs vs the Fabulous Freebirds. Yes, you read that right.
Well, it couldn't have come at a better time - the Fabulous Freebirds, along with some smart thinking by Ken Mantell, have managed to rejuvinate the World Class wrestling area. Good job.

## EDITORIAL

## WRESTLING: AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF YOUTH

by: Greg Oliver

This past month, I finally managed to attend some live wrestling shows - the WWF show in London, and the independent show at the Humber College in Rexdale. Sure the shows were decent, but that's not what I'll remember years from now. I'll remember the children I sat with - full of enthusiasm for professional wrestling, and for life in general.
TJ was a real smart. And that surprised me. He said that he learnt most of it from reading the Wrestling Report. That made me smile. We had a great time making fun of the many WWF stiffs. It was his first show, but already, he was developping into a first rate heckler. Sharing my knowledge with one so eager to learn was truly something to remember.
I just hope he keeps reading the WR, and learning the joys of wrestling!
David and his sister were my ringside companions at the independent card. It was their first ever wrestling show also. He said that they weren't allowed to watch wrestling at home and that they were there with their babysitter.
These kids were great - what enthusiasm! Every time a wrestler came out, they'd ask "Who's the good guys?" and then scream and holler along with the rest of the crowd. They had a great time.
In my opinion, this is where wrestling has its strength - in youth.
Not because they're more gullible, and buy more wrestling dolls, but because they have the spirit of the future, a willingness to learn, and most of all, they have the ability to have fun, to enjoy themselves, no matter how bad the wrestling may be!

## Since you asked.... ULTIMATE WARRIOR

The man currently known as the Ultimate Warrior has only been around pro wrestling for a few years. Jim Hellwig, a Californian chiropractor, started his wrestling career as a member of the short-lived "Team America" - four musclebound rookie wrestlers trying to make a name for themselves with a little patriotism. There he was known as Ed Brock, and Justice Jim Hellwig. When the team disbanded, Hellwig joined another member, Steve Borden to form the BladeRunners. That other member is now known as Sting in the NWA. Having little success as a team, Hellwig ventured to the World Class region where he donned new apparel and became the Dingo Warrior. He captured numerous titles in the area, and decided to go big. He joined the WWF on their first offer, but was assigned to the C team, and was not hyped on TV. Hellwig left the WWF and returned to the World Class. Eventually, he struck the current deal with the WWF, and bingo! the Ultimate Warrior, future WWF doll, was born!

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

The WWF is after STING and EDDIE GILBERT. Whether they'll get them or not is another thing...
Look for JIM NEIDHART to return to the Stampede area...
Rumour has it that the AWA was sold to numerous buyers. One of them is most likely the new manager in the area, along with some of their top stars like WAHOO MCDANIEL and BARON VON RASCHKE...

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## WRESTLEMANIA IV

All in all, the WWF put on quite a show. Seventeen matches, the crowning of a new World champion, and some typical WWF show biz hype. Herein is a look at the results, which, unfortunately, cannot due the four hour show justice.

BATTLE ROYAL - 20 men battling it out for a trophy as big an Andre the Giant. A typical battle royal with BAD NEWS BROWN emerging victorious after turning on BRET HART. With a turn to good, the WWF will now get to see more of the Hitman, one of the best around.

ULTIMATE WARRIOR beat HERCULES
This was a very bad match, unless you enjoy two muscleheads pounding on each other while screaming and shouting. The show could have done without this one.

ISLANDERS & BOBBY HEENAN beat BRITISH BULLDOGS & KOKO B WARE
Bobby Heenan enforced his position as the best manager in the WWF. He wrestled in a brown padded suit, as to not get hurt by either his opponents or Mathilda. End came in a skirmish, as Islanders slammed Heenan onto a felled Koko. Heenan did better falls than most WWF main eventers.

BRUTUS BEEFCAKE beat HONKYTONK MAN by DQ. No surprise here as JIMMY HART interfered, by clocking the ref with the megaphone. Of course, Hart got part of his long hair cut for this dastardly deed.

DEMOLITION beat STRIKE FORCE to win the tag team titles. Krusher & Superstar may make good champs. The fans sure enjoyed watching RICK & TITO get beat up where I saw the show.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS:
First Round: TED DIBIASE beat HACKSAW JIM DUGGAN with a little help from ANDRE.
DON MURACO beat DINO BRAVO - how did Dino get into the tourney anyway?
GREG VALENTINE beat RICK STEAMBOAT. Ricky came to the ring with Ricky Jr. Cute. Okay match. Valentine didn't look as good as I had hoped.
RANDY SAVAGE beat BUTCH REED.
I sure hope so.
ONE MAN GANG beat BAM BAM BIGELOW by countout. A bit of a surprise.
RICK RUDE drew with JAKE ROBERTS.
Rude's pants summed up the show. 'Smile pretty. We're international.'
Second Round: HULK HOGAN vs ANDRE ended, thankfully, in a double DQ, with each using chairs. The less said...
TED DIBIASE beat DON MURACO
RANDY SAVAGE beat GREG VALENTINE
ONE MAN GANG - bye
Semi Finals: TED DIBIASE - bye
RANDY SAVAGE beat ONE MAN GANG by DQ. Gang kept trying to hit Randy with the cane, but Savage kept rolling away.
Finals: RANDY SAVAGE beat TED DIBIASE. A very good match. Both worked very hard, even it was their fourth and third match respectively. Hogan hit DiBiase with a chair, enabling Savage to do a memorable flying elbow to score the pin, and win the belt. Way to go Randy and Liz! Four different outfits!

Initial reports show that the WWF did good but not as good as last year. The guarantee from Donald Trump should ensure a profit though. The free Crockett show certainly didn't help their pay per view sales in the States. In Canada, they had 60 closed circuit locations.

Congrats on a well put together show- next time put in a few more intermissions, it is extremely uncomfortable sitting in the same seat for four hours!

## BILLY JACK's DREAM...

Billy Jack Haynes has a dream. And that dream may soon become a reality. Like many professionals around the world, Billy Jack harbours the dream of one day being his own boss. In pro wrestling, this means becoming an owner.

With his departure from the WWF, Billy Jack Haynes has announced plans to begin a new wrestling promotion in the Northwest of the United States, in direct competition with Don Owen's Portland wrestling group. He plans to feature only wrestlers above 280 pounds and to possibly start a wrestling school.

Brad Rheingans, Mike Miller, and Tommy Rich are likely to work for this new independent, along with Haynes himself. No starting date has been announced.

NWA

## CLASH OF CHAMPIONS

MARCH 27, 1988
SUPERSTATION WTBS

A local newspaper column stated "The NWA had the utter audacity to compete head on with the WWF on Sunday." Strange point of view. But it proves how pro-WWF the media is around here. It is too bad. They missed one damn good show- and it wasn't in Atlantic City.

On March 27, 1988 the NWA decided to put on a major show of their own, on Superstation WTBS, which is available to cable subscribers all over the United States, and on satellites around the world. They opted for the name 'Clash of Champions', and the name fit well.

The results were as follows:

RIC FLAIR vs STING ended in a 45-minute time limit draw, with Flair retaining his NWA World Title. Simply put: Match of the Year.

BARRY WINDHAM & LEX LUGER beat TULLY BLANCHARD & ARN ANDERSON to win the NWA World Tag Team Championship. Another fantastic match, with Barry carrying the workload for his team.

MIDNIGHT EXPRESS beat the FANTASTICS to retain their US Tag Team Titles. Unbelievable. The Fantastics haven't looked this good in years.

MIKE ROTUNDO beat JIMMY GARVIN to retain the NWA TV Title in an amateur match up. Rotundo was the first to score an amateur, one count, pin. Afterwards, PRECIOUS ran into the ring, beat up RICK STEINER with a 2 x 4 and choked KEVIN SULLIVAN with a clotheshanger.

ROAD WARRIORS & DUSTY RHODES beat KONGA THE BARBARIAN, WARLORD and IVAN KOLOFF by DQ in a Barbed Wire Match, with Powers of Pain retaining their NWA Six Man Tag Titles. After the match, the Powers of Pain managed to get Road Warrior ANIMAL's protective hockey mask off, and left him lying.

They had also planned a Western States Heritage Title defence by LARRY ZBYSZKO against SHANE DOUGLAS, but the match did not take place, due to the length of the Flair/Sting match.

The show was brodcast from one of the NWA's showcase's, the Greensboro Arena in Greensboro, NC, and featured some great action. Some say it was better than any of the NWA's past Starcades.

With less hype than its competitor, and much more emphasis on hard nosed thrilling wrestling, the NWA's Clash of Champions was a major success.

## JIM CROCKETT SR. MEMORIAL CUP

APRIL 22 - GREENSVILLE
APRIL 23 - GREENSBORO

The Crockett Cup is ready to roll again this year. It is again being held on consecutive nights, but unlike last year, it will be in a different arena each night. Both arenas should be sold out, as the event is not being shown on pay per view TV as previously anticipated.

Though it has not been announced, look for a World Title defence by RIC FLAIR, most likely against UWF champ STEVE WILLIAMS, as top contender STING has already commited to the tourney.

Here are the announced top seeds:

1. Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard
2. Dusty Rhodes & Nikita Koloff
3. Road Warriors
4. Midnight Express
5. Barry Windham & Lex Luger
6. Konga the Barbarian & the Warlord
7. The Fantastics
8. Mike Rotundo & Rick Steiner
9. Sting & Ronnie Garvin
10. Ivan Koloff & Dick Murdoch

The first and fifth seeds will probally be reversed, as Windham & Luger have captured the NWA tag belts, and the first seeds should be the champions.

The remaining fourteen teams should be stronger than last year. Crockett has the UWF guys to bring in, like the Jive Tones, the Lightning Express, and the Sheepherders along with some other NWA teams like Shane Douglas & Ricky Santana and Jimmy Valiant & Bugsy McGraw.

There is also the possibility of the World Class region sending a few teams to compete and maybe a Japanese entry.

All in all, it shapes up to be a good show, with many teams that could go all the way.

MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

The GILBERTS have arrived! New to the area are TOMMY GILBERT, the former UWF referee and father to, EDDIE GILBERT and DOUG GILBERT. Accompianing these gentlemen is MISSY HYATT, Eddie's wife. They stormed into the area by attacking promoter EDDIE MARLIN. Marlin was saved by JERRY LAWLER, who was later the victim of a fireball executed by Eddie. SUPERSTAR BILL DUNDEE was also a recent victim of the Gilberts attacks... STEVE KEIRN, formerly of the FABULOUS ONES, had been teaming with Lawler against TOMMY RICH and Eddie Gilbert, who at one time called themselves the NEW FABULOUS ONES, but since, Rich has left the area... DON & RON BRUISE beat MAX PAIN & GARY YOUNG for the CWA tag titles on February 27th, but then lost them back to Pain & Young on March 7th... Pain is still the CWA Champion... Gone from the area are the ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS and the NEW SAMOANS... In this part of town, current AWA tag team champions, the MIDNIGHT ROCKERS are feuding with BILLY TRAVIS and JEFF JARRETT, along with BILL DUNDEE and JERRY LAWLER...

# AWA NEWS

While in the AWA, the Midnights are challenged by new arrivals, the Rock'n'Roll Express, 'Bad Company', the team of PAT TANAKA and PAUL DIAMOND, and THE NASTY BOYS... ADRIAN ADONIS is out and does not want to come back... BARON VON RASCHKE was recently attacked by SOLDAT USTINOV with a chair on a ESPN interview segment. Look for Von Raschke to enlist the help of WAHOO MCDANIEL in this fight against Ustinov & SHIEK ADNAD AL-KAISSIE... The Shiek has brought in TIEJHO KHAN from Mongolia as an ally... RICKY RICE is another newcomer to the area. He has one excellent dropkick!... ROCKY MOUNTAIN THUNDER is the opposite of Rice, a newcomer who is pathetic... SGT SLAUGHTER has worked a few AWA dates... CURT HENNIG is now being seconded by MEDUSA MACHELLI... They've announced on their TV show that MR SAITO and RIKI CHOSHU will be coming in to challenge the Midnight Rockers. Sure. I'll believe it when I see it... The new TV format is a part of a new AWA revitalization project. Details will follow as to why it is happening. We expect to find many new AWA shareholders pumping money into the organization...

# WWF Notes...

BRUNO SAMMARTINO has left the WWF, citing numerous differences between himself and the promotion. Among the disputes is Bruno being forced into wrestling past his 1981 retirement and the WWF's lack of a major push for DAVID SAMMARTINO. Bruno also believes that the credibilty of pro wrestling has been hurt by the WWF. Sammartino is now working for a 900 wrestling phone line, though his name is a copyright of Titan Sports. The WWF claims that they let Sammartino go due to the embarrassement caused by his son David when he attacked a fan in Waterdown, NY... IRON SHIEK is out as fast as he was in. Shiek has been fired... New to the WWF is BIG JOS LEDUC. He has been assigned to FRENCHIE MARTIN's stable alongside DINO BRAVO. This is a very strong team, as LeDuc once claimed to be Canada's strongest man, and backed it up by holding back buses in the Memphis area... HACKSAW JIM DUGGAN is feuding with ANDRE THE GIANT. He recently knocked Andre out with his 2 X 4... BAD NEWS BROWN will be getting a big push, and should look very good in his feud with BRET HART... The future of many WWF stars is up in the air, as spring cleanup approaches. To make way for incoming stars, the WWF will drop the contracts of many of its wrestlers, including maybe a few main eventers... The WWF is shopping around for new talent, but Vince has learned not to give contracts in advance of appearances, as BIG BUBBA ROGERS has been delayed in his entrance to the WWF by Crockett...

NWA PRO WRESTLING

New tag champs BARRY WINDHAM & LEX LUGER have a tough road ahead, with ARN ANDERSON & TULLY BLANCHARD hot on their tails and the Crockett Cup coming up... STEVE WILLIAMS is back! He is still being billed as the UWF champion and seems to still be a babyface. He appears happy. Look for a series of unification bouts between Williams and NWA Champ RIC FLAIR... The Flair/Sting feud reached a pinnacle with the March 29th meeting... NIKITA KOLOFF is back, but looks VERY different. The new Nikita has hair, and wears a suit and tie. As of press time, he is still a good guy, but look for that to change... SHANE DOUGLAS has returned from a world tour, and is being pushed by the NWA as MAGNUM TA's new protege. He now uses the belly-to-belly suplex as a finisher. Depending on how you look at it, this may help or hinder Douglas' young career... The FANTASTIC / MIDNIGHT EXPRESS feud has fired into high gear, with both teams looking incredible... ROAD WARRIOR ANIMAL is wrestling once again. To protect the damaged bone under his eye, he has been wearing a hockey goalie's mask... What is the deal with World Class? On the Clash of Champions show, former World Class champion AL PEREZ and his manager, GARY HART, made a surprise appearance, challenging US champion DUSTY RHODES to a match. It is uncertain whether they have signed with Crockett, or are just there to promote relations between the two groups. World Class is most likely trying

WORLD CLASS

to organize joint promotions and NWA World title defenses by RIC FLAIR against top World Class stars... ICEMAN PARSONS is the new World Class champion after defeating KERRY VON ERICH. This comes as a big surprise, as Kerry had just won the belt from AL PEREZ, and was expected to have a lengthy reign... TERRY GORDY has returned from Japan, and has commited to the FREEBIRDS - BUDDY ROBERTS, ICEMAN PARSONS & ANGEL OF DEATH, not to MICHAEL HAYES, as originally expected... The team of SHAUN & STEVE SIMPSON are being pushed as the top good guy team again, with the departure of the FANTASTICS... Where is TERRY TAYLOR?...

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ALL-STAR WRESTLING

THE IDOLS, ROCKY DELLASERRA and VERN SEIBERT are now both International and Canadian tag team champions. They are being challenged on two fronts. On one side, they are facing the PLOUGHBOYS, along with their pig, ALBERT, and on the other, MR COOL AL TOMKO and new found tag team partner, MOOSE MOROWSKI... OLE OLSEN has returned to the area, and is calling himself 'Mr.Flowers'. He is after RICK DAVIS' Junior title... ITON has turned good, and has been battling his former tag partner DORI SINGH, who is now a member of the Calcutta Connection, along with newcomer SUPERSTAR BAL SINGH... BUDDY WAYNE & Rick Davis are feuding with MAD DOG REX, 'from homes and institutions around the world' and RICHIE MAGNET, the UWA 'World' Champ...

STAMPEDE WRESTLING

GARY ALBRIGHT, a former All-American, will begin wrestling under the name VARHAN SINGH, and as a member of Karachi Vice. Up until now, he has only interfered at ringside... JOHNNY SMITH, the cousin of BRITISH BULLDOG DAVEY BOY SMITH, has turned bad. It all happened in a match between Smith & CHRIS BENOIT against the MIDNIGHT COWBOYS - KERRY BROWN & RIP ROGERS. Smith took a pair of brass knuckles and began pounding on his partner Benoit. Johnny Smith turns bad - is anything sacred?... OWEN HART worked a few WWF dates, but any future WWF / Stampede deals seem to have fallen through... WAYNE HART must decide whether he wants to be a wrestler or referee...


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# Did you know that...

DIRTY DAN DENTON, a Tomko mainstay, is a sports announcer for a Vancouver radio station, and a reporter for a Vancouver newspaper!

PAUL DIAMOND was a soccer player for the Tampa Bay Rowdies!

BORIS ZUKHOV used to wrestle under the guise of PRIVATE JIM NELSON, and was a tag team partner to SGT.SLAUGHTER!

GREG VALENTINE's real name is JOHN WISNIKSI JR!

BIG JOHN STUDD recently appeared on CBS' Beauty and the Beast!

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## Rating the Superstars

CHAMPIONS

NWA- Ric Flair
US- Title Vacant
WWF- Randy Savage
I-C- Honkytonk Man
AWA- Curt Hennig
CWA- Max Pain
Western States- Larry Zbyszko
North American- Owen Hart

| WWF- Top Ten | NWA- Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Randy Savage | Ric Flair |
| Honkytonk Man | Sting |
| Ted DiBiase | Nikita Koloff |
| One Man Gang | Steve Williams |
| Andre the Giant | Barry Windham |
| Brutus Beefcake | Lex Luger |
| Hacksaw Duggan | Larry Zbyszko |
| Rick Rude | Mike Rotundo |
| Jake Roberts | Midnight Rider |
| Ultimate Warrior | Al Perez |

WWF Tag Teams-
Demolition
Rick Martel & Tito Santana
Islanders
Dynamite Kid & Davey Boy Smith
Jacques & Raymond Rougeau

NWA Tag Teams-
Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson
Road Warriors
Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton
Bobby Fulton & Tommy Rogers
Lex Luger & Sting

| Stampede Top Ten | US Title Contenders |
|---|---|
| Owen Hart | Al Perez |
| Chris Benoit | Nikita Koloff |
| Jason the Terrible | Barry Windham |
| Makhan Singh | Steve Williams |
| Brian Pillman | Sting |
| Great Gama | Lex Luger |
| Johnny Smith | Midnight Rider |
| Rip Rogers | Tully Blanchard |
| Cuban Assassin | Shane Douglas |
| Kerry Brown | Ron Garvin |

Stampede Tag Teams
Brian Pillman & Bruce Hart
Kerry Brown & Rip Rogers
Owen Hart & Jason the Terrible
Makhan Singh & Johnny Smith
Cuban Assassin & Jerry Morrow

Paying our homage to the hard working WWF jobbers, here is our top ten rankings of current WWF workers who make guys like the Junkyard Dog look watchable.

Barry Horowitz - takes great bumps
Iron Mike Sharpe - fun to watch
Scott Casey - a solid talent
Steve Lombardi - aggressive
Jerry Allen - a pretty boy
Lanny Poffo - a tinkerbell
Terry Gibbs - one of the best
Jose Estrada - go Conquisadors!
Sivi Afi - a colourful prelim
Jose Luis Rivera - the Red Demon

Where would the WWF be without these journeymen? It shows the depth of their roster, when all of these men were at one time champions in other regions...

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## Champions

## ICEMAN PARSONS

245 pounds
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The current World Class champ became champion on March 25th, thru what could be called questionable means.
He was battling KERRY VON ERICH with BLACK BART & BUDDY ROBERTS in his corner, while Kerry had MICHAEL HAYES with him. Just as TERRY GORDY appeared on the scene, the lights went out in the building. Less than a minute later, when the lights came on, Kerry was unconcious in the ring, and so was Hayes outside the ring. Parsons made the pin and got the win.

## Finally!... Four Horsemen!

It happened quite quickly, it happened quite suddenly, and it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy. Welcome to the FOUR HORSEMEN, BARRY WINDHAM.
Who would have thought... Barry Windham joined the Four Horsemen following a dispute between himself and tag team partner LEX LUGER, shortly before the Crockett Cup. Luger & Windham were defending their NWA World tag belts against former champs ARN ANDERSON & TULLY BLANCHARD. Following a double team, Luger disappeared from the ring apron, leaving Windham to go it alone. Barry seemed very perturbed, and when Luger re-appeared, Windham clotheslined him. Arn & Tully then pinned Lex to regain the coveted straps.
After the match, Windham announced his acceptance into the Horsemen, and therefore, his turn to rulebreaker.
The vacancy in the Horsemen had existed since early December, when Lex Luger broke ties. Rumours circulated around the wrestling world, as to who would join this elite group. Windham was a prime choice, and was asked to join earlier in the year, only to attack his future partners.
All in all, the Four Horsemen are a unit once again. Four charismatic, championship calibre wrestlers, ruling the NWA.

## JIM CROCKETT SR. MEMORIAL CUP

APRIL 22 - GREENSVILLE
APRIL 23 - GREENSBORO

Would you believe that a newly formed tag team could win the most prestigious tag team tourney in the NWA?
Well, it happened, as LEX LUGER & STING beat NWA Tag Team Champions TULLY BLANCHARD & ARN ANDERSON in the finals of this year's Crockett Cup.
As of press, we do not have full results, though we will have them by next issue.
In other matches, RIC FLAIR successfully defended the NWA World Title against NIKITA KOLOFF... THE MIDNIGHT RIDER (DUSTY RHODES) beat JJ DILLON in a Prince of Darkness match...
There was no World Class participation. From what we do know, it is obvious that this was one of the most screwed up Crockett Cups ever. At least three of the top ten seeds did not make it to the tourney for various reasons.

## NWA PRO WRESTLING

BARRY WINDHAM - a Horseman? Well it has happened. The turn was very well done at a very unexpected time before the Crockett Cup. As a result, ARN ANDERSON & TULLY BLANCHARD are once again NWA World Tag Champions... DUSTY RHODES has been suspended for 120 days following an incident when he beat up DAVID CROCKETT, TULLY BLANCHARD and JIM CROCKETT with a baseball bat. Dusty had been protecting MAGNUM T.A. Predictably, the MIDNIGHT RIDER has appeared on the scene. The US Title is held up, and a tournament is scheduled for May 13th... AL PEREZ is indeed in the NWA full time. He is the top contender for the vacant US Title. GARY HART is his manager, and also manages LARRY ZBYSZKO, as BABY DOLL has been let go... THE REAL THING (RIP MORGAN) of World Class 'fame' is coming in, most likely to be the new SHEEPHERDER flagbearer... Don't look for STING & LEX LUGER to become a regular tag team, as both have singles aspirations... STEVE WILLIAMS has been looking impressive and has been battling TV Champ MIKE ROTUNDO... It looks like that they are creating an Al Perez / NIKITA KOLOFF angle. The ROAD WARRIOR / POWERS OF PAIN feud has had just about every conceivable match possible, from cage to stepladder to chain... SKANDOR AKBAR & BLACK BART are gone to World Class... The Great American Bash is approaching once again, and the NWA is very hot going into it. Crockett has plans to put one major Bash show on Pay Per View in the States or possibly on WTBS...

## MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

May 9th is JERRY LAWLER night in Memphis, with 'the King' taking on CURT HENNIG for the AWA World Title. If Lawler doesn't win, he claims he will retire... EDDIE GILBERT is gone from the area, but continues to do interviews regarding the $25,000 bounty he has on Lawler.... DON & RON BRUISE beat MAX PAIN & GARY YOUNG for the CWA tag belts on March 28th... CWA Champ Max Pain has been defending his belt mainly against KEN WAYNE, STEVE KEIRN and newcomer SCOTT STEINER, the brother of RICK STEINER... TOM BRANDEE is also new to the area, and is feuding with BRICKHOUSE BROWN... 'Sheepherder' JONATHON BOYD is also new to the area, and is feuding with 'Nightmare' Ken Wayne over the US Junior title... A recent brawl between Lawler and Gilbert spilled out into the parking lot, where Lawler was slammed through the windshield of a car... MIKE GRAHAM & Steve Keirn are being billed as Florida tag team champs in this area, which doesn't even promote in Florida - yet!... They are trying to work out a deal with Continental, and Southern Championship and possibly a new Florida group to co-promote... The new Florida group will be headed by GORDON SOLIE, MIKE GRAHAM (explaining Florida tag) and JERRY JARRETT... More news to follow...

## AWA NEWS

PAT TANAKA and PAUL DIAMOND, 'Bad Company', won the AWA tag team titles from the MIDNIGHT ROCKERS on March 19th in Las Vegas in an absolutely wild match. A very bloody MARTY JANNETTY was pinned by Diamond for the win... RICKY RICE has been getting a big push, but is not really over yet. He could be a star, if they pick the right feud for him... RICKY MORTON of the ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS went it alone in a few matches until ROBERT GIBSON finally showed up... 'The Crippler' RAY STEVENS is still wrestling! He was recently laid out by SOLDAT USTINOV's flag... MANDO GUERRERO is new to the area. He'll be teaming with Ricky Rice... DIAMOND DALLAS PAGE is the new manager of Diamond & Tanaka. He vows not to give the Midnight Rockers a rematch (sound familiar??)... SHIEK ADNAN EL-KAISSIE has apparently left / quit again... They have announced shows in Sudbury, Timmins and North Bay, Ontario. This area shows promise, but the travel costs must exceed any possible profit...

## WWF Notes...

RICKY 'The Dragon' STEAMBOAT has retired (again!) from the rough and tumble world of pro wrestling. His gym in North Carolina should keep him healthy though... BUTCH REED has been fired for another violation of the WWF's drug code. His work rate has slipped and he lost his drawing power. I'm not sure who'd be willing to sign him... JIM NEIDHART is back... JIMMY HART has been donning the PEGGY SUE outfit to interfere in HONKYONK / BEEFCAKE matches... KING HARLEY RACE has entered a hospital in St.Louis... What is happening to JACQUES & RAYMOND ROUGEAU? They seem to be developping a killer instinct. Look for them to join FRENCHIE MARTIN & DINO BRAVO in their battle to prove that Canada is superior to the United States. Bravo is now feuding with KEN PATERA... Does anyone actually believe that HACKSAW DUGGAN has a chance against ANDRE THE GIANT? (Unless Andre dies in the ring!)... THE JUNKYARD DOG has been doing better interviews as of late in regards to his feud with RON BASS... THE KILLER BEES may be turning heel. In a recent battle royale, while wearing masks, they attacked HULK HOGAN. Of course, they deny being under the masks... The RICK RUDE / JAKE ROBERTS angle with Jake's wife was well done. The short brawl was one of the best in recent WWF memory. On of the highlights of the segment for me was seeing BLACKJACK LANZA on the tube again. He is currently a road manager for the WWF... Look for a major house cleaning / Crockett raid soon...

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

ROCKY DELLASERRA is now a good guy, and with new tag partner RICK DAVIS, beat old tag partner VERN SEIBERT and E.T.STANTON for the UWA tag team titles... THE FROG beat DIRTY DAN DENTON by DQ to win the Junior lightweight title. NEIL DRUMMOND was the referee in this one... New are INFERNO and SKELETOR...The UWA Title is held up, following a questionable finish where BUDDY WAYNE pinned RICHIE MAGNET to seemingly win the title... AL TOMKO recently came onto their TV show praising Japanese women's wrestling. They showed a tape and then Tomko promised that he would bring the Japanese ladies to Canada. He also said that some of their ladies, like IRON MAIDEN, would be touring Japan. More to follow on this one...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

CHRIS BENOIT beat GREAT GAMA for the Commonwealth lightheavyweight title on March 18th. Look for the primary challenge to come from turncoat JOHNNY SMITH, who is looking good as a heel... THE CUBAN ASSASSIN has returned to the area, and has formed a tag team with JERRY MORROW... Weightlifter WILLIE SEYMOUR made a mediocre debut... BRICK BRONSKY is getting the strongman push, while STEVE DISALVO is on tour. He is over really well... WANG CHUNG is a new member of Karachi Vice and is gunning for Benoit's Commonwealth title... ABDUL WEASAL has a new bodyguard, as, I believe, GARY ALBRIGHT has given up... JONATHON HOLLIDAY seems to be turning heel...

## WORLD CLASS

The FABULOUS FREEBIRD vs MICHAEL HAYES & KERRY VON ERICH feud has gotten a great response. It has been years since World Class experienced a feud of this intensity... VINCE APOLLO is the lead manager in the area following the departure of GARY HART. AL PEREZ and THE REAL THING are gone to Crockett... CHRIS ADAMS vs TERRY TAYLOR is another hot feud... STEVE & SHAUN SIMPSON vs JACK VICTORY & JOHN TATUM has been a battle over the Texas tag titles and the Wild West Tag Titles, with both titles switching back and forth... The NWA talent exchange looks more and more plausible, and in fact, it may actually be a Crockett buy out...

## OTHER NEWS

EDDIE GILBERT is the new booker in the Continental area. Look for new excitement there, much like old UWF action... BILLY JACK HAYNES' promotion got off the ground in late April... This new opposition in the Pacific Northwest has prompted promoter DON OWEN to enlist ROWDY RODDY PIPER back into the ring wars.

## COMING SOON!

DATES TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

May 22nd: WWF Maple Leaf Gardens
June 3rd: George Cannon's Superstars of Wrestling Chatham, Ontario
June 6th: Superstars of Wrestling Essex, Ontario

# Rasslin' Results

STAMPEDE CALGARY
APRIL 8, 1988

Owen Hart, Brian Pillman, Jason the Terrible & Bruce Hart vs Makhan Singh, Johnny Smith, Rip Rogers, & Kerry Brown ended in a 60-minute draw... Chris Benoit beat Goldie Rogers... Jerry Morrow & Cuban Assassin beat Brick Bronsky & Gilles de Fosse (subbing for Willie Seymour)... Suni War Cloud beat Biff Wellington... Jonathon Holliday beat Hashif Khan

WWF TORONTO APRIL 24, 1988

Andre the Giant beat Hacksaw Jim Duggan by countout... Honkytonk Man beat Brutus Beefcake by countout... Rick Rude beat Don Muraco... Jake Roberts beat Greg Valentine... Islanders & Bobby Heenan beat British Bulldogs & Koko B.Ware... Rougeaus beat Killer Bees... Scott Casey beat Iron Mike Sharpe...

NWA DETROIT APRIL 30, 1988

Ric Flair lost to Sting by DQ (A-)... Road Warriors beat Powers of Pain by DQ in a steel cage match (B)... Mike Rotundo vs Steve Williams (B+)... Ron & Jim Garvin vs Rick Steiner & Kevin Sullivan ended in a double countout (B+)... Larry Zbyszko beat Ron Simmons (D)... Sheepherders beat Lightning Express (B+)... Ivan Koloff beat Jimmy Valiant (D)... The NWA was welcomed back to Detroit by an enthusiastic crowd at the Cobalt Arena. They shoul be back - we're thinking of a bus trip - what does the rest of Southern Ontario think?...

# Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

April 30, 1988 Springfield, Mass

We'll see how the first SNME without HULK HOGAN did with the TV audience. All around, the show was pretty boring, but did have its moments, however predictable.

Randy Savage beat the One Man Gang to retain his WWF World Title

Demolition beat British Bulldogs by DQ to retain their WWF Tag Team Titles

Brutus Beefcake beat Danny Davis

Ravishing Rick Rude beat Koko B.Ware

Ted DiBiase beat Don Muraco

Hacksaw Jim Duggan beat Hercules by DQ when Andre the Giant and Bobby Heenan interfered.

Well, that's it for this season. There are five more Saturday Night's Main Events scheduled for next season, plus one more prime time special.

# BLAST FROM THE PAST

WRESTLING TODAY IN PERSPECTIVE WITH THE PAST

by: HOWDY DOODY

## 25 years ago...

One of the top wrestlers in Canada was HANS HERMANN, 'the Trutonic Terror' from Hanover, Germany. Hans had a real Jekyll and Hyde personality. In the ring, he delighted in punishing his opponents, sending many to hospital. Outside the ring, he was a mechanical wizard, restoring his own fleet of vintage autos. With a science degree, he was an expert in physics an horology - he also invented and patented a time switch which appears on most electrical ranges. It was while working with General Electric Labratories in New York when he became unsatisfied with the way his life was progressing. It was after meeting the famous wrestler, GORGEOUS GEORGE, and learning of his huge income, that Hans decided to get into wrestling. So this 6'5", 280 pound genius entered the ring wars to display his savage cruelty - quite the opposite of his personal life. In fact, while wrestling, Hans still lectured at various universities such as McGill, all while arriving in his 1932 Rolls Royce! ...

Another top German star in 1963 was Fritz Von Erich. Many a top star submitted to his famous 'Iron Claw' hold. He reportedly had his claw hand insured by Lloyd's of London for one million dollars! After retiring from wrestling, Fritz got into promoting in the Texas area - his sons are top stars today, carrying on the famous 'Iron Claw.'

I have to laugh when I see 'BARON of Blef' VON RASCHKE, the supposed 'Claw Master.' Comapred to Fritz von Erich, the Baron is a flabby hairless joke.

Enough said - Adios till next month...

# LOOK!!! EDITORIAL

IT'S THE... (GASP!) MIDNIGHT RIDER!

For the month of May 1988
by: Greg Oliver

The wrestling world has been buzzing the last month, wondering who this mysterious man is they call the MIDNIGHT RIDER, fighting in the name of the suspended DUSTY RHODES and the injured MAGNUM TA. Who is the Midnight Rider? Well, for those of you who don't know (or don't care), the Midnight Rider is the current NWA booker VIRGIL RILEY RUNNELS JR, better known as the American Dream Dusty Rhodes.

Dusty has finally outdone himself this time. I never thought I'd see the Midnight Rider ride again, especially after the costume was used in last year's War Games, as the WAR MACHINE. Well, at least when Dusty wears the suit, you can't see his belly flowing over his trunks.

Enough criticizing of Dusty. Let's talk about his booking, it's not too shabby. The surprising turn of BARRY WINDHAM was one of Dusty's best moves ever... The MIDNIGHT EXPRESS / FANTASTIC pairing has created some incredible matches... The VARSITY CLUB and KEVIN SULLIVAN attacking potenial members... LEX LUGER vs the HORSEMEN is still pretty exciting, and Luger sure has been improving... And a Russian with hair!... RIC FLAIR vs STING, what else can be said?

Sometimes Dusty Rhodes does do some really stupid things, like the Midnight Rider gimmic, but on the whole, the NWA has not sunk to the levels of the WWF in creating stupid gimmics to catch the fans eyes. Straightforward, exciting, professional wrestling has done the job.

# CHANGES ARE NEEDED

by: Sandy Lewis

Ever notice that some exciting wrestlers lose their pazazz after a time? In many instances, all it would take to correct it would be a new feud, a change in league, or a change in attitude.

Too many wrestlers stay in the league they are in, when it is obvious there's nothing left for them. The WWF is notorious for keeping wrestlers too long, letting them fizzle out. Some who should pack their bags are Jake Roberts, Ron Bass, Koko B.Ware, Dino Bravo & Sam Houston.

Some wrestlers just don't fit in for one reason or another. The Iron Shiek was fired from the WWF, and promptly headed to the World Class region. Later, he returned to the WWF, only to be booted out after one week. The Iron Shiek needs to find his niche and stay there.

Wrestlers are constantly changing from rulebreaker to fan favorite, but it doesn't always work. Lex Luger was incredibly popular as a rulebreaker, but now is just not believable as a babyface. Mike Rotundo recently switched to baddie, joining Kevin Sullivan's Varsity Club. But after all of his pro U.S.A. hype as a part of the US Express, Rotundo cannot be taken very seriously.

As you can see, some wrestlers need a change of heart, and location to earn back the pazazz they once had.

# THE POWER OF POWW

by: Michael Murphy

What does P.O.W.W. have to do with professional wrestling?

Not much.

'The Professional Women of Wrestling' is what the marquis says. People like Peggy Lee, Bambi, Nina, Americana, Tina Farrari and Sasha 'the Russian' are not professional wrestlers though.

Tina Farrari's biggest concern is telling desperate women how to get a man! This is not what professional wrestling is all about. I wish that the TV stations that pick up the show would realize that.

But on the other hand, I do want to thank the stations for putting the show on late at night, it cures my insomnia!

# I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

Who wants BUTCH REED? Look for the AWA or Southern Championship Wrestling to pick him up.

JIMMY GARVIN headed to World Class? A good possibility, maybe not leaving the NWA, but part of a talent exchange with the World Class area.

# Scotty Speaks Out...

by: Cindy Smith

I have been a professional wrestling fan since I was 5 years old. I have seen a lot of wrestlers come and go. I have witnessed great moments in the sport. Proud moments when a fan favorite becomes a champion.

That was before the WWF and all its controversial hype.

What is Vince McMahon trying to prove? Is he trying to be superior over all the other wrestling associations, by hogging the television time? Every week it is the same old crap. Making money on merchandise like dolls and the most sickening to date, rock'n'roll records. Rick Martel, Tito Santana and Mean Gene doing a commercial for potato chips. Roddy Piper and Paul Orndorff doing a commercial for soup. Jos LeDuc and his chocolate bar. Give me a break.

Isn't it bad enough that most dedicated wrestling fans are turned off because these so called athletes are moonlighting as actors or comedians?

Years ago, when my dad was a lad, wrestling was wrestling. Get into the ring and do your job, and get out. There was none of these stupid gimmicks.

The WWF hurt the sport ever worse when they involved rock and movie stars. Cyndi Lauper managing Wendi Richter. Lou Albano looking stupid in her videos. The video 'Good Enough' where a few well known wrestlers made asses of themselves. Even more damaging, the good and bad guys associating with one another in a rock video, 'Land of a 1000 Dances.' Boy, they sure hate one another, don't they?

I know what WWF wrestling fans say - they have their opinion, but if you ask any real wrestling fan, and wrestlers from yesteryear, they'll agree with me. It is no good, all this will backfire.

The WWF has a lot of mending to do. Until they do, the average wrestling fan will become more and more skeptical about its honesty and credibility. And in the long run, those fans will be gone.

# Why I ♥ TSN Wrestling

by: Greg Oliver

There are two shows on TV that I watch regularly, Cheers and TSN Wrestling. Enough praise has been given to Cheers over the years, so I'm going to talk about TSN Wrestling.

TSN Wrestling is actually Stampede wrestling, in a 90-minute format. It is always exciting, but not just because of the wrestlers they have there - and they have some dandies in the forms of OWEN HART, BRIAN PILLMAN, MAKHAN SINGH, BRUCE HART, BIFF WELLINGTON and CHRIS BENOIT.

No, TSN Wrestling is fun to watch because of so much more.

What other show on television gives you comments from the timekeeper, in this case, the legendary TOMMY CARR.

What other wrestling show tells you that one of their announcers is getting married? And then to make fun of good ol' JIM DAVIES and his bride to be...

You get to hear truthful comments from the owner and promoter of Stampede, STU HART. Honesty is an important part of Stampede wrestling.

They talk about the WWF, the NWA, and other promotions. They tell you about the past history of their wrestlers. They tell you what the attendance is.

But most of all, TSN Wrestling is ED WHALEN, the veteran announcer. From his excellent match by match commentary to his threats of violence towards diminutive manager ABDUL WEASAL.

TSN Wrestling is all of this, and so much more. It is simply the best wrestling show available to me here.

And how many shows end the same every week, in a personal, amusing saying: "But in the meantime, and in between time, that's it, another edition of TSN Wrestling"

And that's why I love TSN Wrestling.

# looking at: the IWA

with Sandy Lewis

Independent wrestling promotions help showcase real wrestling and arouse excitement from fans.

A major independent league is the IWA - Independent Wrestling Alliance. It is now focused in Florida and Alabama, but in June, will expand to Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Mississippi. The IWA, led by a six member board, is negotiating to obtain television rights on a national (U.S.) superstation.

Independent promotions are often stepping stones for wrestlers. Bad News Brown, Frankie Lancaster and the Honky Tonk Man all once wrestled for leagues which are now members of the IWA.

The IWA's 'cream of the crop' are: Paul Brown, IWA Heavyweight Champion; Big Jim and Precious Paul, IWA Tag Team Champions; The Cyclone, Florida Champion; and Tiger David, America's Junior Heavyweight champion.

Because of POWW and GLOW, the quality of lady wrestlers has declined, so the IWA doesn't promote ladies wrestling.

If interest continues to climb for the IWA, a national tour will be planned. Maybe then, we all may learn what is meant by professional wrestling.

# WHAT IF...

by the writers of the Wrestling Report

## HULK HOGAN vs KEVIN KELLY

by: Holly Girdwood

If ever there would ever be a match between two wrestlers of the same mold, then this is it. Before getting into the match, let's take a look at each wrestler.

Kevin Kelly is a tall, tanned, muscular blond, who has wrestling ability, when he wants to use it, along with a complimentary speed. He would be the underdog.

Hulk Hogan is also a tall, tanned, muscular blond man, but he has a distinct disadvantage, he cannot wrestle. If you don't count an elbow smash or a legdrop, then Hogan knows no wrestling manoeuvers.

The match is set in the new Madison Square Gardens in New York City. The match is to be taped for Saturday Night's Main Event. It has no time limit, and is a lumberjack match, and the loser cannot wrestle for 90 days, anywhere. The lumberjacks are King Kong Bundy, Jake Roberts, Randy Savage, Sam Houston, the Fantastics, the Freebirds, Ricky Santana, Manny Fernandez, Ultimate Warrior & Tito Santana.

The match is very fast paced, with Kelly trying to wrestle scientifically, but against Hogan it is impossible. They begin to brawl, constantly throwing each other out of the ring. After about 15 minutes, Kelly slams Hogan and tries for the three count. He gets two, as Hogan reverses the pin. Kelly re-reverses the pin, by shifting his weight, and gets the three count, putting Hogan out of wrestling for 90 days. Later, after collecting his thoughts, Hulk Hogan announces his retirement, while Kelly's new found success is only beginning.

# PLUGS

OR

AN EFFORT TO RETURN SOMETHING TO THE WRESTLING WORLD

The following are advertisements granted by the editor. The products are all highly recommended, but please don't forget about the Wrestling Report!

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I am putting together a 'PLUG PAGE', which will include wrestling advertisements in just about every sense. Please let me know at (519) 744 - 6839 if you want to be a part of it.


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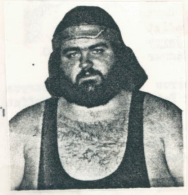
## Rating the Superstars

CHAMPIONS

NWA- Ric Flair
US- Barry Windham
WWF- Randy Savage
I-C- Honkytonk Man
AWA- Jerry Lawler
CWA- Max Pain
World Class- Kerry Von Erich
North American- Makhan Singh

| WWF- Top Ten | NWA- Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Randy Savage | Ric Flair |
| Honkytonk Man | Barry Windham |
| Ted DiBiase | Lex Luger |
| Brutus Beefcake | Steve Williams |
| Andre the Giant | Sting |
| Hacksaw Duggan | Tully Blanchard |
| Greg Valentine | Arn Anderson |
| Rick Rude | Nikita Koloff |
| Ultimate Warrior | Al Perez |
| Jake Roberts | Mike Rotundo |

WWF Tag Teams-
Demolition
Jacques & Raymond Rougeau
Islanders
Rick Martel & Tito Santana
Dynamite Kid & Davey Boy Smith



NWA Tag Teams-
Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson
Bobby Fulton & Tommy Rogers
Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton
Road Warriors
Barbarian & Warlord

| Stampede Top Ten | AWA Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Makhan Singh | Jerry Lawler |
| Chris Benoit | Curt Hennig |
| Owen Hart | Greg Gagne |
| Great Gama | Wahoo McDaniel |
| Steve DiSalvo | Max Pain |
| Brian Pillman | Pat Tanaka |
| Johnny Smith | Mando Guerrero |
| Jason the Terrible | Ricky Rice |
| Kerry Brown | Paul Diamond |
| Brick Bronsky | Baron Von Raschke |

AWA Tag Teams
Paul Diamond & Pat Tanaka
Marty Jannetty & Shawn Micheals
Ricky Morton & Robert Gibson
Jerry Saggs & Brian Knobbs
Riki Choshu & Massa Saito

## Champions

'The King'
### JERRY LAWLER
243 lbs Memphis,TN

Even the mayor knew that it was going to happen. It was officially JERRY LAWLER Day in Memphis.
Everything was in his favour on May 9th at the Mid South Colesium as he squared off against AWA Champion 'Cool' CURT HENNIG. Predictably, the King became the Champ. Special referee SONNY FARGO made the three count, and Jerry Lawler won his first World singles title in fourteen years as a pro wrestler.
Now the question is - will Lawler's reign last longer than the AWA?

### KERRY VON ERICH
260 pounds Denton, Texas

May 8th was a good day in Von Erich Land. The Memorial Parade of Champion card had some interesting things happen. Besides the preview of the upcoming Crockett Bash Tour big gimmick, Terry Gordy turning good and the Texas / Wild West tag belts being unified once again, we had 'Modern Day Warrior' Kerry Von Erich regain the World Class Title from Iceman Parsons. If Kerry can manage to keep the lights on in the building, he should have a long title reign in the growing World Class area.

### MAKHAN SINGH
380 pounds Saginaw, MI

May 6th was a shocking day in Calgary. It started routinely, with North American Champion Owen Hart preparing to meet his archrival Makhan Singh in yet another title defence. But it ended with Makhan Singh as the new champion. In the loss, Owen looked spectacular, flying around the ring, but Makhan, with half brother Vokhan Singh at ringside, proved to be too much. Owen will get his rematches, but will most likely be too caught up in thoughts of the WWF to regain the title...

## EDITORIAL

For the month of June 1988
by: Greg Oliver

SO MUCH TO COVER, SO LITTLE ROOM

Isn't that just the story of the Wrestling Report. Being just a little paper, we can never hope of giving the world of wrestling the proper coverage it so deserves. I hope that we have done something to improve your knowledge.

But if you want to learn more, let me suggest some of the other bulletins that have recently appeared in our PLUGS section. Not that they are any better or worse than the WR, they all offer something different, something new. Try them out, but don't forget about the WR!

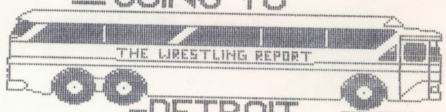
Another thing that you might be interested in is video tapes. Tapes offer you a chance to see wrestlers and matches that you've never seen before. The tape dealers listed are well worth at least an inquiry.

You see, so much happens in the world of pro wrestling. The WR is growing and changing. And with the summer approaching, things are looking bright, much brighter than last summer. Thanks for your support and your help!

I am really looking forward to our bus trip to the Great American Bash in Detroit on July 31st. Inquire if interested.

And by the way, I finally get the NWA on a TV station here! Whoooo!!

## GOING TO DETROIT...

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NWA GREAT AMERICAN BASH '88

JULY 31, 1988

PLAN NOW TO BE A PART OF IT!!!!

The event of the summer is now within grasp of the readers of the Wrestling Report. We are planning a bus trip to attend the NWA'S GREAT AMERICAN BASH '88 on July 31, 1988 in Detroit Michigan.

To make this trip a possibility, please contact us now! Make your plans to be there!

The bus will be leaving from Lulu's Roadhouse in Kitchener (off the 401) and will return later that night after the show. We are currently estimating costs at $60 per person, which includes a ticket for the Bash, but the more people that go, the less it will cost.

Details will be available to anyone interested. Please contact

GREG OLIVER at (519) 744 - 6839
or WES MAIDMENT at (519) 621 - 6406

It is very important that if you want to go, that you tell us soon. Spaces on the bus are expected to fill up fast.

NWA DETROIT - CATCH THE PINFALLS

# Rasslin' Results

WWF LOS ANGELES
MAY 1, 1988

Ted DiBiase beat Randy Savage by countout (C+)... Strike Force beat Demolition by DQ (C+)... Ultimate Warrior beat Hercules (B+)... Bret Hart drew Bad News Brown (B+)... Lanny Poffo beat Barry Horowitz (C)... Brady Boone beat Steve Lombardi (C)... Dino Bravo beat Ken Patera by forfeit (C)... Rick Rude beat Don Muraco (C)...

NWA PITTSBURG MAY 6, 1988

Ric Flair lost to Steve Williams by DQ when JJ Dillon interfered... Road Warriors beat Powers of Pain in a six-man elimination cage match when Animal threw Barbarian over the top... Dusty Rhodes beat Tully Blanchard in a Lights Out Texas Bullrope Match... Nikita Koloff vs Al Perez ended in a double countout... Fantastics beat Midnight Express when Fulton pinned Eaton... Sheepherders beat Johnny Ace & Mighty Wilbur when Crazy Luke pinned Ace... Arn Anderson & Barry Windham beat Lightning Express when Windham pinned Armstrong... Sting beat Dick Murdoch...

WWF TORONTO MAY 22, 1988

Hacksaw Duggan & Jake Roberts beat Andre the Giant & Rick Rude... Bobby Heenan beat Koko B Ware... British Bulldogs beat Islanders... Don Muraco beat Greg Valentine by DQ... Rougeaus beat Young Stallions... Bret Hart drew Bad News Brown

WWF BATTLE CREEK, MICH MAY 22, 1988

Brutus Beefcake beat Honkytonk Man by DQ (Jimmy Hart was Peggy Sue) (A)... Bolsheviks beat Killer Bees (C)... Sam Houston beat Danny Davis (B+)... JYD beat Ron Bass (A)... Dino Bravo beat Ken Patera by forfeit as Patera couldn't start the match (he was unconcious, Dino hit him with a table) (A-)... Big BossMan beat Jose Luis Rivera (C-)... Butcher LeDuc beat Lanny Poffo (E)...

# Crockett Cup Results

FINAL - Lex Luger & Sting beat Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson
SEMI FINALS - Luger & Sting beat Powers of Pain ... Arn & Tully beat Fantastics
QUARTER FINALS - Luger & Sting beat Midnight Express ... Fantastics beat Varsity Club ... Powers of Pain beat Road Warriors by DQ
SECOND ROUND - Luger & Sting beat Dick Murdoch & Ivan Koloff ... Midnight Express beat Sheepherders ... Road Warriors beat Jive Tones ... Fantastics beat Al Perez & Larry Zbyszko ... Sheepherders beat Lightning Express... Arn & Tully beat Kendall Windham & Italian Stallion ... Powers of Pain beat Chris Champion & Mark Starr ...
FIRST ROUND - Murdoch & Koloff beat Jimmy Valiant & Mighty Wilbur... Sheepherders beat Cruel Connection ... Lightning Express beat Johnny Ace & John Savage ... Jive Tones beat Rocky King & Nelson Royal ... Chris Champion & Mark Starr beat Twin Devils ... Al Perez & Larry Zbyszko beat Ricky Santana & Joe Cruze ... Varsity Club beat Steve Williams & Ron Simmons by countout... K.Windham & Stalion got a bye...
OTHER MATCHES - Ric Flair beat Nikita Koloff ... Midnight Rider beat JJ Dillon in a Bullrope Match... Jimmy Garvin beat Kevin Sullivan in a Prince of Darkness Death Match ...

# I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

The rumour that shook VINCE MCMAHON's boots: TED TURNER, the Atlanta multi millionaire, owner and operator of the TURNER BRODCASTING COMPANY, is rumoured to be very interested in purchasing the NWA from JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS. A deal is currently being arranged that would most likely leave Crockett with some control over the business, while Turner pumps in the money and rakes in the receipts. Details will certainly follow on this one, as the entire wrestling world waits...

# LEARNING THE ROPES

Among the stations that picked up the syndicated TV show starring Lyle Alzado as a teacher who moonlights as a pro wrestler, was the CTV Network here in Canada. This means that if you have cable, you are basically guaranteed to get this show in Canada.

FIFTH ANNUAL WORLD CLASS

MAY 8, 1988

THE ACTION

In a Triple Tower Cage 18 Man Battle Royal, Steve Casey won first prize, Jason Sterling won second prize, and John Tatum won third prize.
To get the money, the wrestlers had to get to the top cage.
In a Triple Tower Cage Badstreet Match: Terry Gordy beat Michael Hayes when Buddy Roberts threw powder in Hayes' eyes. Afterward, Gordy was attacked by Roberts, Iceman and Angel of Death, and is now a good guy.
Kerry Von Erich beat Iceman Parsons to regain the World Class title.
Terry Taylor beat Chris Adams in a No DQ match to retain the Texas title.
Kevin Von Erich & Bruiser Brody beat Buddy Roberts & Soloman Grundy under a mask.
Steve Simpson & Terry Gordy (subbing for injured Shaun) beat John Tatum & Jack Victory to unify the Texas & Wild West tag team titles.
Bill Irwin beat Black Bart by DQ.
Scott Casey beat Eric Embry.
Mike George beat Jeff Raitz.
Missing Link & Jason Sterling beat Angel of Death & Vince Apollo.

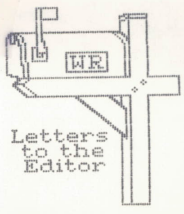
All in all, this years Memorial Parade of Champions show was a big success that clearly shows how much the World Class region has improved in the last year.

# Scotty Speaks Out...

by: Cindy Smith

## Referees

Everyone has pet peeves. I certainly have mine. At times I wish I had magical powers to banish blind, deaf and dumb referees.
How many times have you seen a referee forget that he's refereeing a wrestling match? Just at the moment a fan favorite has his opponent pinned, the referee lets on he doesn't see the pin, or he turns his back to argue with a manager.
Another pet peeve is the referee who dies in the middle of a count. I truly believe that referees have their picks before they start a match. It isn't quite as obvious in tag team matches though.
It seems to be okay for a rulebreaker's partner to enter the ring illegally, but when a fan favorite does it, he is immediately pushed back, out of the ring - and this wrestler (good guy) has made a perfectly legal tag! Referees, I believe, deliberately turn their backs in order for the rulebreakers to double team the babyfaces.
There should be no favorites when it comes to deciding who is the best. It should be who pins his opponent first, whether it be good or bad guy.
Refereeing should be elevated to a level of respectability. At the moment, it looks no better than the National Hockey League.




Letters to the Editor

Dear Wrestling Report,
Other readers might be interested to know of a new book out about wrestling. It is called DRAWING HEAT, published by Black Moss Press and written by Jim Freedman.
It is the story of the author's travels around Ontario with Dave McKigney's promotion in 1981. (Big Bear Promotions)
I found it interesting since I attended some of the McKigney shows through the years and am familiar with the people and places in the book.
However, based on personal experience, I would take exception to some of the things Freedman has written.
The predictions, made in 1981, about where the business was headed, were remarkably accurate, but I found the philosophizing detracted from the story.
I think this book would be of interest to Ontario fans who attended these shows, but would be of limited interest to wrestling fans in general.
I understand it is now available in book stores.

Name Withheld Upon Request

Editor: I have just finished reading this book. It is good, but I agree with the letter, you need to know something about the local scene to enjoy it.
Drawing Heat is now in bookstores, or can be ordered through the publisher.
Happy reading!

NWA PRO WRESTLING

BARRY WINDHAM beat NIKITA KOLOFF to win the US Title. He very HOT and is figuring in all the current big angles, as DUSTY RHODES and STING gun for the belt... The FANTASTICS beat the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS for the US tag titles on April 26th... PRECIOUS is no longer the same. In a recent match, KEVIN SULLIVAN kidnapped her from ringside. Afterward, when JIM & Papa RONNIE found her, she wanted nothing to do with them. She has appeared with Jim, but appears preoccupied. Look for her to possibly join Sullivan. 'The Games Master' sure is one mean dude, he turned MIKE ROTUNDO bad, and is on the verge of breaking up a marriage... RIC FLAIR has signed to face LEX LUGER for the first time after the turn on July 10th. The match should be brodcast on Pay Per View television... THE POWERS OF PAIN, TULLY BLANCHARD & ARN ANDERSON recently ganged up to injure ROAD WARRIOR HAWK's back... SHANE DOUGLAS has quit... Look for RON SIMMONS to be the next member of the VARSITY CLUB... 'THE TEXAN' is DICK MURDOCH under a mask... Look for STEVE WILLIAMS to begin a feud with Arn Anderson... The MIGHTY WILBUR is back following numerous injuries... As you've probally figured out, JOHNNY ACE is now a good guy, and is looking for the right partner to take on his former friends, the SHEEPHERDERS... It appears that the Western States Heritage title has been phased out.. The entire NWA is waiting for the outcome of the proposed TED TURNER buyout (see Grapevine...)

## WWF Notes...

Well, OWEN HART has arrived in the WWF but don't look for his face, as he'll be under the mask of THE CHEETAH KID... BUBBA ROGERS has been turned into the BIG BOSS MAN, a state trooper. Sounds like an *okay gimmick*, let's see if BBM gets over with the fans. He has yet to make TV... JIM NEIDHART has returned and has reunited the HART FOUNDATION with BRET HART, minus JIMMY HART... GREG VALENTINE is wearing a protective shin guard that he uses to increase the power of the figure four leglock... The WWF has announced plans to phase out its managers. Managers will not be travelling the circuit with their wrestlers, but will be on TV. This is one bad idea. If a fan develops hatred for a manager that they see on TV - where are they supposed to vent their anger if that manager won't be at ringside with his protege?... LANNY POFFO has been winning a few more matches, now that his brother RANDY SAVAGE has a lot more say... 'Rock'n' Roll' BUCK ZUMHOFE is in as a jobber... The Savage/DIBIASE matches have been drawing well around the country, but not as well as had been hoped by the WWF... Is there anyone more pathetic on interviews than the ROUGEAUS?... HERCULES appears disenchanted with the position he has been put in, in other words, a lack of a push... BROTHER LOVE is reported coming in. We believe that it is BROTHER ERNST ANGEL from the Memphis area. Whoever it is, he might be used as a talk show host, and will probally portray a typical 'flower child'...

## WORLD CLASS

World Class has announced plans for a nationwide tour this summer. (And thankfully it will not be called Von Erichs Across America!)... KAMALA has returned to the World Class as the current top contender for KERRY VON ERICH's WC Title... TERRY TAYLOR appears headed towards a feud with KEVIN VON ERICH... TERRY GORDY has reunited with MICHAEL HAYES following their match at the Parade of Champions. The turn is much too confusing to describe, so say even those who have seen it!... The 'other' FREEBIRDS (ANGEL OF DEATH, ICEMAN PARSONS & BUDDY ROBERTS) appear to have formed an alliance with manager PERCY PRINGLE...

## CWA

MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

Bigger news than JERRY LAWLER winning the AWA World Title? Not really, but the CWA has worked out a talent exchange with the World Class region. On the card before Lawler's win, May 2nd, MICHAEL HAYES vs BUDDY ROBERTS, ICEMAN PARSONS vs KERRY VON ERICH and CHRIS ADAMS vs TERRY TAYLOR were added to the Memphis crew... New to the region are DORY FUNK JR, as a bounty hunter for EDDIE GILBERT, UNCLE ELMER, ROBERT FULLER, MARK STARR, who wrestled in the Crockett Cup as CHRIS CHAMPION's partner, and the CUBAN CHOIR BOYS... Manager DOWNTOWN BRUNO may also soon be returning. He appeared at a taping, but was instructed that he was still barred from the area... SUPERSTAR BILL DUNDEE returned on Jerry Lawler Night to face Eddie Gilbert... Gone are JONATHON BOYD, SCOTT 'The Body', and RICKY NELSON, along with manager BROTHER ERNEST ANGEL... JEFF JARRETT beat GARY YOUNG in a tournament to win the Arkansas State Title in Jonesboro, AK... The Cuban Choir Boys beat the BRUISE BROTHERS for the Southern tag belts... The Bruise Brothers are now the HARRIS BROTHERS... BRICKHOUSE BROWN is the new heel manager with the departure of Angel... It looks like CWA Champion MAX PAIN may be turning good. He recently stood against an order made by manager Brickhouse Brown... MISSY HYATT became Jerry Lawler's slave for a day when Lawler beat Robert Fuller... Gary Young is now an adopted son of the GILBERT FAMILY. He is also asking girls to send him photos, as he is looking for a new valet...

## AWA NEWS

CURT HENNIG is vowing revenge while claiming foul over his loss of the AWA World Title to JERRY LAWLER. Lawler scored the pin after throwing Hennig into the ringpoint, which is sometimes a disqualification in the AWA... AWA Tag Champions DIAMOND & TANAKA have a pretty bad manager in DALLAS PAGE. Also, what purpose does DIAMOND DOLL serve at ringside?... The ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS are now working here 'full' time and are feuding with the NASTY BOYS... MANDO GUERRERO is getting a big push... They claim that MANNY FERNANDEZ is coming in, at least for a TV taping, along with MASSA SAITO & RIKI CHOSHU... The rumour man on the TV show, 'THE BIG K' is a new part owner in the AWA...

## TOMKO

ALL-STAR WRESTLING

The region has worked out an agreement with the VANCOUVER NIGHTHAWKS of the World Basketball League to co-promote. The funny thing is that the Nighthawks play their games at the BC Place, Canada's only domed stadium. Can you imagine the Tomko guys working a place like that! I believe that June 15th is the first show... NEIL DRUMMOND is now a regular referee and constantly figures in the angles they run. He gives out many fines... DORI SINGH appears to have become a good guy... SWEET DADDY SAMPSON is now being managed by JONATHON SAYERS... ROCKY DELLASERRA is feuding violently with former tag team partner VERN SEIBERT... RICK DAVIS is still the Canadian champ, while THE FROG is the Junior Heavyweight champion...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

MAKHAN SINGH regained the North American Heavyweight Championship from OWEN HART on May 6th in Calgary. Makhan, of course, got a little help from KARACHI VICE, in this case, his 'half brother' VOKHAN SINGH. Owen now appears headed to the WWF, as the CHEETAH KID... THE CARRIBEAN COMMANDOS, CUBAN ASSASSIN and JERRY MORROW are the top contenders for the tag belts held by BAD COMPANY... BRICK BRONSKY is feuding with KERRY BROWN. It was Brown that injured Bronksky's leg... GREAT GAMA has returned... JASON THE TERRIBLE was suspended following a chain match with STEVE DISALVO... Newcomer STEVE BLACKMAN is someone to keep an eye on...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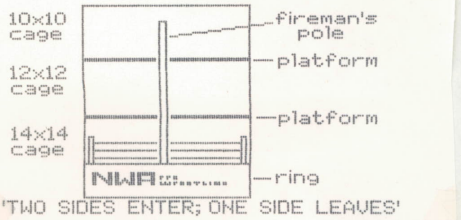
# THE GREAT AMERICAN

39 Shows. June 26th to August 7th.
And one world title defence.
Yes, this is the 1988 version of the Hot Summer Night, the Great American Bash.
It is the biggest ever. The BASH kicks off this year in Orlando Florida on June 26th and ends August 7th in Kansas City, Missouri.
But quite simply, the Bash date everyone is talking about is July 10, 1988 when RIC FLAIR defends his title against LEX LUGER for the first time since Luger left the Horsemen. The card will be on Pay Per View Television from Baltimore, Maryland.
Other highlights of the Bash tour will be the VARSITY CLUB vs the GARVINS, NIKITA KOLOFF vs AL PEREZ and the FANTASTICS vs the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS.
But these exciting wars will pale in comparison to the HORSEMEN & POWERS OF PAIN vs ROAD WARRIORS & DUSTY, LUGER, STING & WILLIAMS. These twelve wrestlers will highlight the tour in various matches, the most dangerous of which will be the Tower of Doom Matches.
Below is a diagram that roughly depicts what the Tower of Doom will look like. Since it has never been done before, there is no sure diagram. The Tower was thought up by KEVIN SULLIVAN.
World Class tried the Tower at their Parade of Champions card. MICHAEL HAYES had stolen the idea. The people who I've talked to who have seen it said that it left much to be desired. Will Crockett make it work? It's all part of the Bash 88.

## THE TOWER OF DOOM

AN ARTIST'S DEPICTION




'TWO SIDES ENTER; ONE SIDE LEAVES'

# Fantastics vs Midnight Express

One Battle Of The War by Holly Girdwood

The Midnight Express - Fantastics feud is one of the most exciting that I have ever seen. The two teams are very much alike in their ring styles, but differ greatly in attitudes. The Express, BOBBY EATON and STAN LANE, with JIM CORNETTE will cheat to win, while BOBBY FULTON and TOMMY ROGERS rely on their abilities and fan support to win. Both teams are fast-paced, strong and exciting to watch - and when they get together, watch the fireworks!
On this particular night, the Fantastics were defending their US tag team titles against the Express, with the loser to receive 10 lashes with a belt. The Midnights and Fantastics prepared to give the fans the show of their lives.
At first, Fulton had Eaton in an arm lock, when Tommy Rogers came in, walked over Eaton's stomach, and slapped Stan Lane. The referee stopped Lane as Rogers danced back to his corner. A few acrobatic aerial maneouvers later, the Fantastics began to taunt Lane more. Every time Lane tried to enter the ring, the Fantastics pointed it out to the ref, and proceeded with fake tags that irked the Express even more. Tommy Rogers even found time to sit and watch the show from the front row with the fans.
A few struts later, Cornette decided to enter the match. THUMP was all that was heard over the arena. Fulton was lying on the floor, as Cornette danced at ringside. Lane and Eaton began a merciless beating on Fulton until he could hardly move.
When Fulton finally managed to tag Rogers, the ref didn't see it, and forced Rogers out of the ring. The second time this happened, mayhem broke out. Lane was beating on Fulton while Rogers and Eaton battled it out. Cornette jumped onto the ring apron holding his tennis racket for Eaton to slam Rogers into. It backfired, as Eaton was knocked out. Lane came to his teammate's rescue, by attacking Rogers, but this allowed Fulton to roll Eaton up in a small package.
Lane, Eaton and Cornette were all to receive ten lashes each with a belt. If they refused, they would all be suspended for one year. Only Lane received his lashes before all three hightailed it back to the dressing room.
Don't think that this is the end of the feud though, it is only one battle of sure to be a long war.

# THE PLIGHT OF HIGH CHIEF AFI

"It's pretty hard to respect somebody being managed by Bobby Heenan. The Islanders have let down all the fine people in the South Pacific."
These words were uttered by Sivi Afi back in September of 1987. And those words provide quite the contrast. Sivi Afi recently joined the Islanders and Bobby Heenan.
Sivi Afi was not going anywhere in the WWF, so he got himself a new name, and some tatoos.
Sivi Afi is now known as High Chief Warrior Afi.
But let's give him credit for trying to improve his career. Whether of not Afi can live with his decision is another thing...

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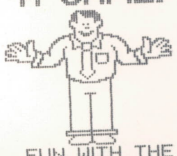

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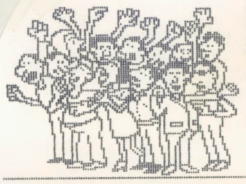

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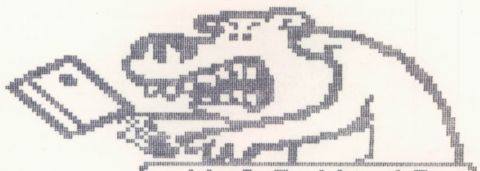

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## Rating the Superstars

CHAMPIONS
NWA- Ric Flair
US- Barry Windham
WWF- Randy Savage
I-C- Honkytonk Man
AWA- Jerry Lawler
CWA- Brickhouse Brown
World Class- Kerry Von Erich
North American- Makhan Singh

| WWF- Top Ten | NWA- Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Randy Savage | Ric Flair |
| Honkytonk Man | Barry Windham |
| Ted DiBiase | Lex Luger |
| Hacksaw Duggan | Sting |
| Andre the Giant | Dusty Rhodes |
| Ultimate Warrior | Tully Blanchard |
| Greg Valentine | Steve Williams |
| Don Muraco | Mike Rotundo |
| Brutus Beefcake | Arn Anderson |
| Rick Rude | Nikita Koloff |

WWF Tag Teams-
Demolition
Dynamite Kid & Davey Boy Smith
Bret Hart & Jim Neidhart
Jacques & Raymond Rougeau
Marty Jannetty & Shaun Michaels

NWA Tag Teams-
Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson
Bobby Fulton & Tommy Rogers
Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton
Sting & Nikita Koloff
Ricky Morton & Robert Gibson

Stampede Top Ten

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|---|---|
| 1. Makhan Singh | 6. Great Gama |
| 2. Chris Benoit | 7. Jason Terrible |
| 3. Brian Pillman | 8. Steve Blackman |
| 4. Johnny Smith | 9. Brick Bronsky |
| 5. Kerry Brown | 10. Gary Albright |

North American Top Twenty

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|---|---|
| 1. Ric Flair | 11. Eddie Gilbert |
| 2. Owen Hart | 12. Tully Blanchard |
| 3. Ted DiBiase | 13. Brian Pillman |
| 4. Terry Taylor | 14. Curt Hennig |
| 5. Barry Windham | 15. Tommy Rogers |
| 6. Bret Hart | 16. Pat Tanaka |
| 7. Terry Gordy | 17. Rick Steiner |
| 8. Bobby Eaton | 18. Steve Williams |
| 9. Randy Savage | 19. Danny Davis (Cont) |
| 10. Sting | 20. Brad Armstrong |

Top Twenty Current Pushes

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|---|---|
| 1. Randy Savage | 11. Ultimate Warrior |
| 2. Lex Luger | 12. Brutus Beefcake |
| 3. Ric Flair | 13. Honkytonk Man |
| 4. Hulk Hogan | 14. Road Warrior Hawk |
| 5. Ted DiBiase | 15. Sting |
| 6. Andre the Giant | 16. Curt Hennig |
| 7. Barry Windham | 17. Road Warrior Animal |
| 8. Dusty Rhodes | 18. Kerry Von Erich |
| 9. Hacksaw Duggan | 19. Tully Blanchard |
| 10. Jerry Lawler | 20. Arn Anderson |

What is a 'push'? It is when the promotion tries their hardest to get that wrestler over with the fans, either popular or hated. Obviously, the WWF and NWA which have national exposure, can give a wrestler a bigger push to a bigger audience, and therefore their dominance in our ratings.

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## Champions

### Brickhouse Brown
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Brickhouse Brown becomes the third CWA Champion in history with his forfeit victory over Max Pain on May 23rd in Memphis. The forfeit was a result of injuries sustained by Pain in an earlier match when he was attacked by the Cuban Choir Boys and Brown.

Brickhouse Brown will have a difficult time keeping his title is he continues to split his time between managing and wrestling.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

WRESTLING TODAY IN PERSPECTIVE WITH THE PAST
by: HOWDY DOODY

### 25 years ago...

One of the top lady wrestlers was Mary Ann Kostecki - who? Better known as Penny Banner, this 18 year veteran was at her peak, earning over $20,000 a year - small compared to the top male stars, but not a bad living in 1963. Her husband was also a 10 year veteran named Johnny Weaver - the same of the 'Weaver Lock' fame recently used by Dusty Rhodes. Also wrestling at this time in the Deep South was Japanese star the Great Hiro Matsuda. You may remember that last year JJ Dillon brought Matsuda in briefly to battle Rhodes.

The Bat was unmasked and revealed to be Joe Tomasso - last I heard he was selling cars in Edmonton. Also the Mummy was unravelled to reveal Benny Ramirez.

Verne Gagne was crying the blues, claiming he was the uncrowned champion - sound familiar Greg? The late 'Iron' Mike DiBiase was racking up wins in the Southwest - his son Ted continues the fine family wrestling tradition to this day.

Also in 1963, Canadian star Whipper Billy Watson celebrated 20 years in the mat wars which included a stint as world champion. He also had 'Whipper's Beverages' - a soft drink featuring wrestling holds on the bottle! Later Watson went on to politics... Till next time - Adios!

## EDITORIAL

For the month of July 1988
by: Greg Oliver

### ROCK'N'ROLL SICKNESS

I just noticed it today. Typing in the names Ricky Morton and Robert Gibson into the NWA tag team ratings made my stomach roll and rock. Diagnosis: I am sick of the Rock'n'Roll Express.

Why did the NWA have to bring them back? Just after I start getting the NWA show here too. Now I'll have to sit though their pathetic interviews and matches.

They really mean diddlysquat to the NWA. They don't have any drawing power left, their fans now love the short and cute Fantastics. They know that the Rock'n' Roll's never took bumps like Fulton & Rogers. Their days are over... unless... the Rock'n'Roll Express turn bad.

No!! It's not possible! Ricky & Robert would NEVER hurt anyone...

I'm waiting. It is about time the NWA did something with the pathetic R'n'R 's.

I can picture it now, Ricky & Robert beating the snot out of Bobby & Tommy while the Midnights stand back and watch...

## Hello out there...

To let you in on a secret, next issue will be our Third Anniversary Spectacular Extra Page August Edition. If you are interested in contributing something, let me know. Last year, we filled it with encouraging letters to keep me in business. This year?...

## Rasslin' Results

STAMPEDE CALGARY
JUNE 3, 1988
Bruce Hart & Keith Hart vs Jerry Morrow & Cuban Assassin ended without a decision... Gary Albright & Goldie Rogers beat Biff Wellington & Randy Thatcher... Chris Benoit beat Johnny Smith by DQ... Great Gama beat Kerry Brown by DQ... Steve Blackman beat Hashif Khan...

SUPERSTARS OF WRESTLING KITCHENER COE JUNE 16, 1988
Tony Atlas, Dominic DeNucci & Farmer Pete beat Christian Steele, Black Demon & Little Wolf in a mixed match... Tony Atlas lost to Bulldog Don Kent by DQ... Farmer Pete beat Little Wolf... Farmer Pete beat Shaun Cassidy... Dominic DeNucci drew with Black Demon...

WWF TORONTO JUNE 24, 1988
Randy Savage lost to Ted DiBiase by countout... Ultimate Warrior beat Bobby Heenan... Demolition beat British Bulldogs... Bad News Brown beat Jim Neidhart... George Steele beat Greg Valentine... Big Boss Man beat Brady Boone...

INDEPENDENT TORONTO JULY 3, 1988
Dominic DeNucci & Gino Brito Jr beat Johnny K-9 & Man Mountain Miller... Tony Parisi beat Bullwhip Johnson... Justice Steel beat John La Belle...

## Scotty Speaks Out...

by: Cindy Smith

## Wrestling Today

I do not consider myself an expert on wrestling. Who really is? I do consider myself a 'smart' fan though.
Unfortunately, I see the sport heading towards another decade of what it used to be in the 1970's - just another controversial sport. It will not have as many television spots as it has today. Wrestling is going downhill. That is why the big wheel promotions are having their Great American Bashes and WrestleManias, to get the money while the getting is still good. I may be wrong, but I think it will happen within five years.
I come from a family of die hard wrestling fans. My dad travelled as far as Quebec to see the matches. I went with my father and friends to see the matches too.
I have followed wrestling for over 20 years. And no, I do not believe that all wrestling is 'real'. What is 'real' anyway? I believe that the blood can really flow though when a championship belt is on the line. I know that some wrestling is only for show. But that is pro wrestling...
I once knew a man by the name of Joe Robb. He used to attend the wrestling matches with binoculars, just so he could see just what the wrestlers were really doing. He was not a wrestling fan.
A true wrestling fan, like my father, will be somewhat disgusted with wrestling today, but yet still go to the matches because it is in his blood.
Wrestling fans are a unique group. The real vs fake issue doesn't bother us because we see it as immaterial. It does not affect whether we go or watch.
We watch because it is pro wrestling, plain and simple.

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

VINCE MCMAHON wants ARN ANDERSON and he wants him by August 15th, so that Arn can appear on the SuperSlam 88 card. Apparently Vince already has the gimmick picked out for him, and now just needs the wrestler. Don't look for Arn to go until after the Bashes though, the Bash is a series of very big paydays.
JIM CORNETTE wants out of the NWA. Apparently he is fed up with booker DUSTY RHODES and wants out. He has been talking with the WWF about a jump with his MIDNIGHT EXPRESS.
PAUL JONES' new team may be the TERMINATORS, of independent fame. You may recall, they briefly worked the UWF last year under SCANDOR AKBAR.
STEVE WILLIAMS may be headed to the WWF. He apparently wants to rejoin friends JIM DUGGAN, TED DIBIASE & TERRY TAYLOR.

## Quote of the Month

MAKHAN SINGH :
'I wish Stu Hart had quit after two of them - then we wouldn't have to keep track of them.'

## WHO WILL FILL THE HOLE LEFT BY OWEN HART IN STAMPEDE WRESTLING?

With the departure of Owen Hart to the WWF, the Stampede region no longer has a lead good guy. Who will step in to take responsibility? Is there anyone?
There are possibilities, and herein we will explore them...
First scenario:
Owen may not sign with the WWF, most likely because New Japan will make him an offer that he simply can't refuse. This allows Owen to continue wrestling in Calgary.
Second scenario:
Owen loses belt and leaves.

Who will fill his place?
MAKHAN SINGH: The current North American champion does not exactly pack in the fans. He has the charisma to lead but doesn't seem willing to work. It would also be hard taking Makhan as a good guy.
CHRIS BENOIT: The current British Commonwealth champion is very well liked by the fans but doesn't fill the mold of a lead babyface. Benoit is simply too small to be taken seriously week after week against the heavyweights of the region.
STEVE DISALVO: Full of charisma, DiSalvo has potential, but seems not to want to improve. He didn't go over in Montreal as lead babyface, it won't happen in Calgary.
JASON THE TERRIBLE: A champion should be able to discuss things rationally. Not bang his head in frustration. Jason has a fan following, but could not carry the promotion (at least not very far...).
KERRY BROWN: Maybe the surprise of the year. Kerry Brown makes a good babyface and shows potential. The fans have accepted Brown quickly. If Brown were to just get into a bit better shape, he might be able to beat Makhan Singh for the title.
STEVE BLACKMAN: This newcomer with tremendous martial arts background looks very good. He has yet to perform against top notch competition. But when he does, watch out, he could be the one.
JOHNNY SMITH: Simply a better bad guy than good guy.
BRICK BRONSKY: As his skills improve, so will his charisma. Bronsky works hard in the ring and seems determined to break the mold set by bodybuilders before him. And determination does a champion make.
BRUCE HART: Everyone's favorite punching bag, the injury prone Bruce Hart might like to think that he could carry the promotion, but it just isn't plausible. He reminds me of Dusty Rhodes, the booker trying hard to get himself over.
And finally,
BRIAN PILLMAN: Quite simply, the logical choice as the future of Stampede wrestling. Pillman has it all, from physical attributes to speaking skills. And he's tough, certainly tough enough to take on the task of leading the Stampede promotion.
Good luck to the Stampede region in finding a star. They may be looking elsewhere now, but maybe they should be looking in their tag team ranks instead.

## FABULOUS USA FORGOTTEN CANADA

THE NEW ROUGEAUS by Michael Murphy

Jacques & Raymond Rougeau, the 'Fabulous' Rougeau Brothers, really are beginning to make me sick. Their new found love for the United States, and their insistence on constantly praising the U.S. has diminished them to just another comedy act in the WWF. The Rougeau Brothers are from Saint-Sulpice, Quebec, a town which honours their stars with a sign, (translated) 'Welcome to Saint-Sulpice, the municipality of the Rougeau Brothers.' But yet they are going around claiming the United States is the greatest place on earth.
Now don't get me wrong, I have nothing against Americans, and I certainly don't like Dino Bravo's stand against the U.S. My beef is that the Rougeaus should be proud of their Canadian heritage.
Canada is home to many great wrestlers, and athletes. The list is endless, the Hart Brothers, Rick Martel, Edouard Carpentier, Whipper Watson, Gene Kiniski...
Shape up or ship out Rougeaus. I am sure when I say that I not the only one who doesn't want traders in our country.
And to reverse the idea, imagine if Ken Patera suddenly began praising Canada as the best country in world, Americans would feel the same way we do- betrayed.

## NWA PRO WRESTLING

The Great American Bash is underway. The big card, July 10th, will feature RIC FLAIR vs LEX LUGER, a Tower of Doom match, DUSTY RHODES vs BARRY WINDHAM, STING & NIKITA KOLOFF vs ARN & TULLY, and the FANTASTICS vs MIDNIGHT EXPRESS... The ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS have returned to the area. If they want to get anywhere though, they will have to turn heel, as the Fantastics are currently number one in the fans hearts... With the POWERS OF PAIN leaving, PAUL JONES has brought in the big, bad RUSSIAN ASSASSIN. It is actually good ole American boy DAVE SHELDON, sometimes known as the ANGEL OF DEATH. Sheldon is not exactly a great find, mainly because his knees are in very poor condition. Jones is claiming that he will be bringing in a new big team to renew the feud with the ROAD WARRIORS... SCOTT PUTSKI, son of 'Polish Power' IVAN PUTSKI made his debut and was well received by the fans... JOHNNY ACE, the TERMINATOR and RICKY SANTANA have all left... The Fantastic / Midnight Express matches of the Bash will feature JIM CORNETTE in a straight jacket. They recently ran an angle where BOBBY FULTON was demonstrating the use of a straight jacket when the Express ran in and absolutely clobbered Fulton with a chair. The feud will also be taken to a scaffold during the Bash tour... The strangest match of the Bash will be in Detroit where a very odd combination of DUSTY RHODES & the original SHIEK take on KEVIN SULLIVAN & DICK MURDOCH in a steel cage...

## MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

BRICKHOUSE BROWN is the new CWA Champion as a result of a forfeit victory over MAX PAIN. Pain had been injured earlier in a match against SCOTT STEINER by Brown and the CUBAN CHOIR BOYS... New to the area are DOUG FURNAS, ALAN RENOYLDS, SEAN BAXTER and BOB HOLLY, who has been teaming with PAT ROSE... Returning are manager ERNST ANGEL, BILL DUNDEE and TOJO YAMAMOTO, who has with him a new protege named SHENSEE... Gone from the area are MISSY HYATT, DOUG & TOMMY GILBERT and MARK STARR... ROBERT FULLER has put together a new 'Stud Stable'. This version has DOWNTOWN BRUNO as manager, SYLVIA as valet, and Fuller, DON BASS, JIMMY GOLDEN and GARY YOUNG. The Stable approached Tojo Yamamoto's protege Shenshee about joining but their were denied, provoking a feud between Yamamoto and the Stud Stable... BILLY TRAVIS & SCOTT STEINER beat Cuban Choir Boys for the Southern Tag Belts, and then lost them to Don Bass & Gary Young... The $250,000 Renegade Rampage was won by Scott Steiner when he beat Robert Fuller with a little help from JEFF JARRETT... Fuller later broke Jarrett's arm with a baseball bat...

## AWA NEWS

Former AWA Champion CURT HENNIG is in the area looking for a rematch with current champ JERRY LAWLER. On a recent show, Hennig beat up the local Toyota dealer and threatened to beat up announcer LANCE RUSSELL unless Lawler came out and gave him a match. Well, Lawler did come out, but was attacked by Hennig and friends, setting up a grudge match in Memphis. The Toyota dealer then promised to refund everyone's money if Hennig beat Lawler. Gee, I wonder who won?... Jerry Lawler has been defending his title against the likes of BILL DUNDEE, DUTCH MANTELL, TERRY TAYLOR, and of course, Hennig... He has also been talking about defending his title against KERRY VON ERICH, which leads into the possibility of more co-promoting between the two leagues... With the MIDNIGHT ROCKERS and ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS both gone, they now lack a babyface team to take the tag straps from PAT TANAKA & PAUL DIAMOND... Unless you count the team of GREG GAGNE & Jerry Lawler, or RICKY RICE & newcomer DERRICK DUKES.. AWA Ladies champ MEDUSA MACHELLI claims to have a photo spread in an upcoming Playboy...

## WWF Notes...

The talent raids have begun! The WWF has signed TERRY TAYLOR, currently one of the best heels in the business. Unfortunately, he will be in a babyface roll. He starts in early July... The POWERS OF PAIN, WARLORD & BARBARIAN have jumped to the WWF. If I knew that I was in 19 scaffold matches against the ROAD WARRIORS, I would probally leave the NWA too. The Powers will be top challengers for the tag belts... The WWF has also signed JEEP SWENSON on a trial basis. Not that he is a good wrestler, but he does fit the WWF mold - a big stiff... THE MIDNIGHT ROCKERS, MARTY JANNETTY & SHAWN MICHAELS are in (again). They may last this time. BROTHER LOVE is BRUCE PRITCHARD and he is really bad. They do need a talk show host, though. Brother Love is not him... 'SuperSlam 88' has been announced. In the main event, HULK HOGAN & RANDY SAVAGE will take on ANDRE THE GIANT & TED DIBIASE. Also on the card, DEMOLITION will defend against the HART FOUNDATION. The card will go August 28th, most likely on pay per view TV... GREG VALENTINE recently beat up SUPERSTAR BILLY GRAHAM, allowing Graham to take up a position on the brodcast team... IRON SHIEK returns in early July and will likely not been seen on TV for years... BIG BOSSMAN is being manager by SLICK... OWEN HART is not sure what he wants to do. The WWF wants him under a mask, but he wants to go as himself. Negotiations continue... TAMA of the ISLANDERS (Tonga Kid) has left due to the firing of his uncle SIKA. HIGH CHIEF AFI replaces him...

## WORLD CLASS

They will be running more Triple Tower of Doom matches to try and convince the fans that they were the inovators of this unique match while Crockett runs his Bash tour. In fact, World Class goes head to head with Crockett August 4th in Dallas... World Class debuts in the Chicago region in early July... MICHAEL HAYES has gotten a haircut. He has also given up the role of booker to ERIC EMBRY & SCANDOR AKBAR... The SIMPSONS, BILL IRWIN and BLACK BART are returning to the region following a tour of South Africa... THE SAMOAN SWAT TEAM are new. They are SAMU & TAFU...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

BRUCE HART has been fired as booker here. More details on this family feud next issue... MAKHAN SINGH has not been defending his North American title very often. He has openly admitted that he will only defend it every 30 days... JOHNNY SMITH has dropped enough weight to challenge CHRIS BENOIT for the British Commonwealth title. He matches have been very good... KERRY BROWN has turned babyface following his expulsion from the VICE for, get this, not wearing a turban... GARY ALBRIGHT 'Vokhan Singh' is not a bad wrestler for a guy his size... KEITH HART has returned to the ring to team with BRUCE while BRIAN PILLMAN is out with an injury... Reported coming to the area are the TERMINATORS, the POWER TWINS, and JOHN TATUM & JACK VICTORY... Definitely coming to the area in late August are the DOGS OF WAR, TARAS BULDA and VLADIMIR KRUTOV. Bulda is better known as JOHNNY K-9, but as he puts it, K-9 died in Japan, and the spirit of Bulda rose...

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

JONATHON SAYERS has restarted his wrestling career under the management of MOROW RENALDO. He has with him valet FELICIA... MICHELLE STARR is new to the area. Another gay act... The GRAND MASTER of WRESTLING makes predictions regarding the future of the UWA... MAD DOG REX wears a 'I Survived the UWA Hell Tour' shirt... FROG now is announced from 'Lilypads everywhere...'

## OTHER NEWS

The wrestling world mourns the loss of veterans BULL JOHNSON of Hamilton and TIGER JOE TOMASSO of Edmonton... OWEN HART won the IWGP Jr Heavyweight title from HIRO HASE (Viet Cong #1)... DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS won his promotions tournament to determine its initial champion by beating JOEY JACKSON... BILLY JACK HAYNES won his promotion's tourney by beating BLACKSTUD WILLIAMS...

## MORE OTHER NEWS

Look for future co-promotions between the AWA, World Class, CWA, Continental and Pacific Northwest. It may be their only chance of staying in business against the WWF... HULK HOGAN has begun the filming of his movie... RODDY PIPER'S movies, 'BodySlam' and 'Hell Comes to Frogtown' are now out on video tape... EDDIE GILBERT & CURT HENNIG are now a successful tag team in Continental...

# the wrestling show that wasn't

Central Ontario Exhibition
June 16,1988

Can you have professional wrestling without a wrestling ring.
Well, give the boys from George Cannon's Superstars of Wrestling credit, on June 16th in Kitchener, they gave it an effort.

Here's the scenario:
the wrestling ring was to come from Hamilton, from Nick DeCarlo's wrestling school. Thanks to a slight mix-up, the ring failed to show up.

What do you do the ready fans, irritated wrestlers, and worst of all, upset fair officials? Can you just tell them that the show will not go on? No. You stick it out and give the fans a show.

That's what they did.

An amateur mat was transported from the University of Waterloo and by ten o'clock, only one hour after the scheduled starting time, the show got under way.

Before going any further, perhaps we should describe an amateur mat. It is about three centimetres thick of a durable foam, something like the sole of a shoe. Tape was placed on the mat to designate the ring area.

Now, trying very hard, imagine the ring bell, a metal salad bowl and a spoon.

It was quite a night, full of new experiences for the wrestlers, the referee, the announcer, the promoter and the fans.

Much of the night's action was left up to the discretion of veteran referee Wayne Cashman, as he was to decide when the wrestlers were in the ring and when they were not. And speaking of the referee, his son, Justin, a security guard, made a stunning mat debut by stumbling onto the mat early in the show. Justin's fall drew the most crowd heat on the night...

On to the matches.

In the opening bout Dominic DeNucci wrestled to a draw with the Black Demon. Following the bout, the Demon ran DeNucci into the table, which then broke. Proudly, Wrestling Report reporters Fred Wall and Jason Nijhuis carried the debris off.

In the first midget bout, Farmer Pete beat Shaun Cassidy to earn the privilege of wrestling Little Wolf.

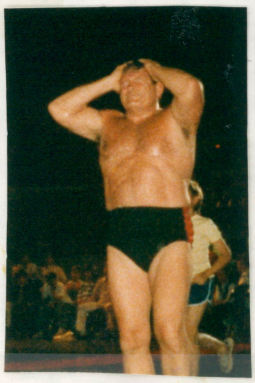
The next bout had Tony Atlas taking on Bulldog Don Kent. It had more experimenting as the two found out what could and couldn't be done on the mats. Kent won by DQ.

Farmer Pete continued his winning streak by beating Little Wolf.

In the final bout of the evening, Tony Atlas, Dominic DeNucci and Farmer Pete beat Christian Steele, Black Demon & Little Wolf when Tony Atlas gorilla slammed Steele onto the mat.

The whole show turned out to be a little too much. Of what I'm not sure. It just wasn't wrestling, having the wrestlers on the same level as you. The pace was sooo slow... no suplexes, no slams, no piledrivers, really, no action.

It was fun though, maybe not because of the wrestling action itself, but because of all the little things that make it an (attempted) wrestling show.



Bulldog Don Kent

Black Demon

## Letters to the Editor

We received the Wrestling Report this week and enjoyed it very much. We are glad that you cover many of the wrestling areas in North America, because it allows for a wider perspective and better understanding of the wrestlers and their respective matches.

We were wondering what has happened to wrestling in the Montreal area? We have seen wrestlers move to the WWF, AWA, Stampede, UWA and Puerto Rico.

We would like to thank you for taking the time to read the letter and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future. We are glad that there is someone who is able to inform about the wrestling world. Larry Turkish & Renato Salerno

Editor: The Montreal promotion, run by Gino Brito Sr fell upon financial difficulties and was forced to close up. Though the facts aren't clear, the departure of Dino Bravo & Rick Martel to the WWF, both very influencial stars in the promotion, is rumoured to be the main cause of the problem. The wrestlers have set up shop in many different areas. Montreal is now frequented by the WWF on a regular basis.

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## Rating the Superstars

CHAMPIONS

NWA- Ric Flair
US- Barry Windham
WWF- Randy Savage
I-C- Honkytonk Man
AWA- Jerry Lawler
CWA- Phil Hickerson
World Class- Kerry Von Erich
North American- Makhan Singh

| WWF- Top Ten | NWA- Top Ten |
|---|---|
| Randy Savage | Ric Flair |
| Honkytonk Man | Barry Windham |
| Ted DiBiase | Lex Luger |
| Andre the Giant | Sting |
| Ultimate Warrior | Nikita Koloff |
| Rick Rude | Tully Blanchard |
| Greg Valentine | Dusty Rhodes |
| Hulk Hogan | Mike Rotundo |
| Brutus Beefcake | Arn Anderson |
| Hacksaw Duggan | Steve Williams |

WWF Tag Teams-
Demolition
Bret Hart & Jim Neidhart
Dynamite Kid & Davey Boy Smith
Powers of Pain
Marty Jannetty & Shaun Michaels

NWA Tag Teams-
Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson
Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton
Bobby Fulton & Tommy Rogers
Sting & Nikita Koloff
Ricky Morton & Robert Gibson

Stampede Top Ten

1. Makhan Singh
2. Johnny Smith
3. Chris Benoit
4. Steve Blackman
5. Brian Pillman
6. Great Gama
7. Steve DiSalvo
8. Gary Albright
9. Brick Bronsky
10. Biff Wellington

North American Top Ten Tag

1. Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard
2. Bobby Fulton & Tommy Rogers
3. Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton
4. Pat Tanaka & Paul Diamond
5. Road Warriors
6. Marty Jannetty & Sean Michaels
7. John Tatum & Jack Victory
8. Mike Rotundo & Rick Steiner
9. Bruce Hart & Brian Pillman
10. Brad Armstrong & Tim Horner

## Champions

### Johnny Smith

225 pounds
Manchester, England

The new British Commonwealth light-weight champion Johnny Smith had a few battles to emerge as champion. First, he had to drop his weight down to 225 pounds, and then he had to beat former partner Chris Benoit for the title.

Well, he did, after many tries. Smith coudn't have done it without the help of Makhan Singh, who interfered while the referee was knocked out.

Look for Benoit to regain the title soon.

## THE GREAT AMERICAN BASH 88

The highlight of this summer's Great American Bash tour was the July 10th pay per view brodcast of the Price for Freedom from Baltimore, MD.

The card opened up with a draw between Nikita Koloff & Sting vs NWA tag champs Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard.

The next match saw the Midnight Express regain the US tag team titles from the Fantastics with help from a chain. Jim Cornette was suspensed above the ring in a straightjacket.

Next came the anticipated Tower of Doom match with Jim & Ron Garvin, Steve Williams and the Road Warriors emerging victorious over Kevin Sullivan, Mike Rotundo, Al Perez, Ivan Koloff and the Russian Assassin. From all indications, it was an exciting match, but too much to watch at the same time.

US champion Barry Windham successfully defended his belt against former champ, and his 'mentor' Dusty Rhodes, thanks to a minor ref bump, and Ronnie Garvin. Garvin entered and KO'd the 'Dream'. Following the match, he was seen receiving money from JJ Dillon and Gary Hart.

And in the main event, the NWA World Champion Ric Flair emerged victorious over Lex Luger by referee's decision. The referee was forced to end the match when a ringside doctor, appointed by the local commission, ordered the match be stopped due to bleeding on the part of Lex Luger. The call was timed very well too, as Lex had Flair in the backbreaker when the referee signalled to end the match. Lex thinks he's won, the crowd goes bonkers. And then the announcement. Super job.

Comments for the card were positive.

One problem is PPV TV, which limits the amount of time. The NWA had booked from 7:00 to 9:30, which means the show had to over by then. It was, but they didn't have time for any interviews, etc.

Next pay per view event, check out the local watering hole to see if they're carrying the show. It was at a few bars here in Ontario. If you don't like that atmosphere (or can't get in) ask them to tape it for you.

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The WWF has assembled an impressive lineup for their first ever SummerSlam pay per view event.
The main event features the Mega Powers, HULK HOGAN & RANDY SAVAGE vs the Mega Bucks, TED DIBIASE & ANDRE THE GIANT. This match is a continuation of the feuds that have been going on for the last year.
Jesse Ventura is referee, but don't look for a crooked referee angle. The MegaPowers should emerge victorious, unless of course, Hogan challenges Savage.?

DEMOLITION vs HART FOUNDATION
This should prove to be Bret Hart's official turn to babyface, maybe with a departure from tag partner Jim Neidhart. Demoltion will keep the belts, as the match will most likely end with a disqualification.

BRUTUS BEEFCAKE vs HONKYTONK MAN
Brutus' last chance. Honkytonk's chance to weasel his way out of yet another loss. The best bet is for Brutus, but don't underestimate Honky's whining power.

POWERS OF PAIN vs BOLSHEVIKS
Barbarian & Warlord should have no problem with this one.

BRITISH BULLDOGS vs FABULOUS ROUGEAUS
Might this be the long awaited turn to heel for the Rougeaus? This match could save the card or be a real stinker. Picking the Rougeaus in an upset.

JUNKYARD DOG vs RAVISHING RICK RUDE
Mismatch. They should be finalizing the Jake Roberts feud with a 'Winner gets Cheryl Roberts Match'. Rude easily.

JAKE ROBERTS vs HERCULES
Probally won't happen due to Herc's arm injury. Look for sub like One Man Gang.

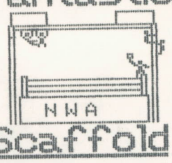
DON MURACO vs DINO BRAVO
Interesting matchup, though it won't be a good match. Bravo should win.

KEN PATERA vs BAD NEWS BROWN
Patera has not gotten over the way the WWF would have liked. Brown will simply demolish him, hopefully setting him up for some title shots.

KOKO B.WARE vs BIG BOSS MAN
Tough choice, eh? BBM no problem. Will there be a beating afterward? Probally not, someone will make the save to create a feud.

The entire card seems like an average WWF show. Where are their lead faces, Ultimate Warrior & Hacksaw Duggan. Where are the Rockers, One Man Gang, Greg Valentine?
But on the other hand, Brother Love will be there doing a live interview...
The show, brodcast from Madison Square Gardens, should do okay, but will certainly not surpass any records.
Summer Slam has been planned as an annual event, completing the quartet of the Royal Rumble, WrestleMania, SummerSlam and Survivor Series.

# Midnights vs Fantastics:




## Scaffold

Before going into the details of the match, lets take a look at history. The Midnight Express have NEVER won a scaffold match, in fact, no heel has ever won a scaffold match. Tough odds.

Depending on when you saw the match, either the Midnight Express or the Fantastics were the US tag champs. The match was not for the belts. The scaffold was run on the Bash tour 19 times, with the match basically the same throughout. (Obviously, the scaffold is not the best place to experiment with new ideas!)
The Midnight Express were slow and hesitant about climbing the scaffold, while the Fantastics scurried up when they reached ringside. The Midnights eventually got chased up the scaffold by a tennis racket wielding Bobby Fulton. He dropped the racket, but met it again when Jim Cornette clobbered him as he was climbing. Fulton was the first to fall when Stan Lane stepped on his fingers. While Eaton was in a precarious position, Tommy Rogers (with help from the eliminated Fulton) got Stan Lane off the scaffold.
Now it was Eaton vs Rogers. Cornette threw his racket up and the two began pummelling each other until Eaton could hold on no longer. Fantastics win.
An exciting match, but I don't know why. There were no high spots. The entire match is just plain fascinating and breathtaking. Two thumbs up.

# EDITORIAL

For the month of August 1988
by: Greg Oliver

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! (Whew! We made it...)
Did you expect it? Last year at this time, I honestly didn't expect to get this far. Many of you may remember the antics of last summer and the ultimate battle with evil that I went through. But since bygones usually end up being bygones, I'm not bothered by THEM anymore.
There are much better things to do. The Wrestling Report has reached a new high in way of subscriptions. Thank you. We have a regular contributions from numerous sources. Thank you. We have dealings with different local promotions and have initiated WR bus trips to Detroit to see decent wrestling. The Wrestling Report is exchanged with many other bulletins, which sometimes are in our plug section. We also have a new publishing program that will soon be put to use (just as soon as I can figure out how to use it!).
What don't we have, you ask? More subscribers. Response to contests / ideas like the Gumpy Looking Mug Awards.
That's about it. We're doing fine. During the next year though, I would just like to ask for a little more patience. I will be editor of two newspapers (the WR and the school's) plus working (yes, I actually have a job...)
Thanks for everything - especially for all the people who have rallied behind me as a result of last month's editorial about hating the Rock'n'Roll Express!!

# DEALING WITH CROWDS

WRESTLERS OUTSIDE THE RING
by: Sandy Lewis

It's nice when wrestlers such as Lanny Poffo and the Junkyard Dog maintain their nice guy images outside the ring.
Often, it is a surprise, and not always a pleasant one, to find out the way certain wrestlers act when outside of the ring. Many wrestlers act differently outside the arena than inside.
In a fan's eyes, the best reaction is a heel who is friendly and appreciative with a crowd. One such wrestler is Hercules Hernandez, one of the members of Bobby Heenan's stable. He is always willing to chat with fans and sign autographs.
Many other rulebreakers change when outside the ring. Some that are said to be very pleasant outside the ring are Bret Hart, Dino Bravo and Ivan Koloff.
But more often than not, rulebreakers try to keep up their personality with fans, in order to create more hatred towards themself. Demolition is like that.
A very disappointing and discouraging aspect of wrestling is meeting a favorite 'good guy', only to find him rude and offensive.
One such offender is the supposed All American Ken Patera. Constantly refusing to sign autographs or talk with fans has lowered him in the hearts of many.
Barry Windham was another fan favorite who was particularly irritable outside. But now as a member of the Four Horsemen, he can easily maintain his attitude.
Others who have tarnished their in-ring images are Dusty Rhodes, Brutus Beefcake and Don Muraco.
Wrestlers, naturally, cannot always be in a good mood, so, when you approach your favorite for an autograph, or just to say hello, don't be surprised if they don't meet your expectations.

# Scotty Speaks Out...

by: Cindy Smith

## Yesterday

Wouldn't it be interesting to see one or two hours a week dedicated to the heroes and villains of yesteryear.
I would love to see matches from the 50's, 60's & 70's. It would also provide a history lesson to today's younger fans who worship Hulk Hogan.
Today we have the likes of Ted DiBiase, Lex Luger and the Road Warriors, some supposed really tough men. But back in the days of our parents, there was Yukon Eric, who lost an ear in a match, Red Bastien- a real gentleman, Classie Freddie Blassie- 'the Vampire', The Crusher and the Bruiser- a blue collar, beer drinking, cigar smoking championship team, and the acrobatic Edouard Carpentier.
The hero today is Hulk Hogan. Years ago it was the local hero, from Whipper Billy Watson in Ontario, to Carpentier in Quebec. They really weren't too much different than Hogan, except they got much less hype and exposure.
Pro Wrestling This Week and Pro Wrestling Plus both include a Mat Classic in their brodcast, why not Crockett & McMahon? I hope to see it happen one day.
I will never forget the legends of yesterday.

NWA PRO WRESTLING

The Great American Bash has been rolling along non stop. It is most certainly the NWA's peak season... The MIDNIGHT EXPRESS regained the US tag titles from the FANTASTICS on July 10th. The Midnights also recently received a shot at NWA tag champs ARN ANDERSON & TULLY BLANCHARD. The basis was for a possible Midnights turn, but as it happened, the fans did not react positively to either team... THE ROAD WARRIORS & DUSTY RHODES beat Anderson, Blanchard & RIC FLAIR to win the vacant six-man tag belts... RONNIE GARVIN as a heel seems to work okay. Look for the possibilty of him joining the HORSEMEN down the road, as once again, they are seriously considering turning Ric Flair, as they feel that BARRY WINDHAM can take over as lead heel... No TED TURNER buyout news to report. They are probally banging out the details as you read this... Don't be looking for too many Flair / LEX LUGER matches after the Bash. Matches like their's should be kept for special occasions, like Starcade... Dusty Rhodes may once again be entering the NWA World title picture. Look for him to possibly defeat Flair and then retire... AL PEREZ has not gotten over the way the NWA had hoped he would... Now that the VARSITY CLUB / JIMMY GARVIN feud has run its course, look for SULLIVAN's gang to feud with the Road Warriors and Garvin to challenge for a title, most likely LARRY ZBYSZKO's WSH title... SCOTT PUTSKI will begin wrestling full time after he finishes college...

MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

New to the area are PHIL HICKERSON and JIMMY VALIANT. Gone are DOUG FURNAS, BROTHER ERNST ANGEL, PAT ROSE & BOB HOLLY... In Memphis, JERRY LAWLER has been defending against KERRY VON ERICH & CURT HENNIG. The first match with Kerry was interrupped by the STUD STABLE who attacked Lawler. Von Erich helped Lawler and the match restarted. It end in a bloody double countout... MAX PAIN regained the CWA title from BRICKHOUSE BROWN in a cage match, but lost it one week later to PHIL HICKERSON... SCOTT STEINER & BILLY TRAVIS beat DON BASS & GARY YOUNG to win the CWA tag titles, also in a cage... SENSHEE & TOJO YAMAMOTO turned against JEFF JARRETT, and with JIMMY GOLDEN & ROBERT FULLER, tried to rebreak Jarrett's arm... The Stud Stable also attacked JERRY JARRETT with Jeff on TV... JIMMY VALIANT was to debut against Senshee, but the match ended quickly as the Stub Stable attacked, and cut off Valiant's beard... The second Lawler / Von Erich match was a unification match. Lawler won by DQ when Von Erich used the piledriver, an illegal move in the CWA. They have a rematch planned in a no DQ match... Brickhouse Brown is now BUNKHOUSE BROWN, and may soon be turning good...

AWA NEWS

In the AWA, Lawler has been defending against Hennig. There has also been talk of him defending against TV champ GREG GAGNE and SOLDAT USTINOV... KERRY VON ERICH should be getting a promo on TV soon to promote the title vs title matches... DAMIAN KANE is new to the area as a manager. He appears to be managing BAD COMPANY. This also means future co-promotions between the AWA and NWF... THE TOP GUNS, RICKY RICE and JOHN PAUL are getting a big push and are feuding with Ustinov & TIEJHO KHAN... Bad Company has been facing the challenge of MANDO & HECTOR GUERRERO... ROCKY MOUNTAIN THUNDER is getting a big push, and may soon actually be in line for title shots... MADUSA MACHELLI is feuding with BRANDI MAE and MAGNIFICENT MIMI... WAHOO MCDANIEL is feuding with 'Raging Bull' MANNY FERNANDEZ... JIMMY SNUKA is scheduled to return... The seeming loss of Curt Hennig to the WWF will leave the AWA in dire straits. They no longer have a quality contender for Lawler's AWA title...

# WF Notes...

The SummerSlam event planned for August 29th takes centre stage these days, but let us not forget those coming and going.. BAM BAM BIGELOW has quit for numerous reasons, including VINCE's new rule about wrestlers having to drive to shows less than 600 miles away... ONE MAN GANG has been no-showing. He may be gone also... OWEN HART is now just himself. He is called 'Sensational', though he showed nothing in Welland, Ontario last month... CURT HENNIG, former AWA champion, is in... DAVE 'D.J.' PETERSON is new... TERRY TAYLOR has been playing heel in some arenas, and babyface in others. He is a delight to watch because he imitates just about every star in other areas, including RIC FLAIR... DON MURACO, the new member of STRIKE FORCE? Maybe, as RICK MARTEL may not be returning... The POWERS OF PAIN have not looked impressive on TV. TITO SANTANA has managed them in a few locations. They are feuding with the BOLSHEVIKS... HERCULES recently suffered a gory injury in a match with ULTIMATE WARRIOR. A gash on his arm required 76 stitches... JOS LEDUC is now the HEADBANGER... ANDRE THE GIANT will receive shots at RANDY SAVAGE's title before the SummerSlam... DEMOLITION has proven to be the best of the current champions. They have defended against numerous teams, while Savage only defends against DIBIASE, and HONKYTONK MAN defends against BRUTUS BEEFCAKE... GEORGE STEELE suffered a heart attack and will be out for an undetermined peroid of time...

WORLD CLASS

JERRY LAWLER has defended his AWA title in this region against KERRY VON ERICH, ICEMAN PARSONS and TERRY TAYLOR... KEVIN VON ERICH beat Taylor for the Texas title July 4th... SAMU, of the Samoan Swat team is looking very good. It looks like he will feud with Kevin Von Erich... BAD COMPANY will likely follow in Lawler's footsteps and defend their tag titles against World Class stars... JOHN TATUM & JACK VICTORY attacked TERRY GORDY, but that feud appears now to be forgotten. Tatum & Victory are again talking about the SIMPSONS while Gordy is facing the challenge of Iceman Parsons... STEVE COX is new...

STAMPEDE WRESTLING

JOHNNY SMITH beat CHRIS BENOIT to win the British Commonwealth title initially on June 10th in Calgary. The following week, it appeared that Benoit had regained the belt, but the referee held up the belt due to altercations following the bout. Johnny Smith took the title back on June 24th. All of their matches have been exciting... KERRY BROWN has apparently been fired... BRIAN PILLMAN recently went trough surgery on his arm... GOLDIE ROGERS & BIFF WELLINGTON have both been getting a slight push... STEVE BLACKMAN is being set up as the top contender for MAKHAN SINGH's title following his TV tourney victory. The tournament was just a few matches with three judges determining the winner... ED DE FOSSE is in as the brother of GILLES DE FOSSE...

TOMKO

ALL-STAR WRESTLING

Managers MORROW RENALDO and JONATHON SAYERS have been banned by referee NEIL DRUMMOND. Renaldo is announcing again, while Sayers has started wrestling. Fuzzy uses the claw as his finishing move... SWEET DADDY SAMPSON is the UWA champion. I really don't have any idea how he got it... The live shows in Cloverdale, B.C. begin again September 10th with MICHELLE STARR against the FROG in a Dress Match... THOR is a relative newcomer to the area. He is solidly built, though a bit small. Thor carries a hammer and wears face paint... BLACKJACK SMITH is a cowboy from Vancouver...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## Goodbye Gumpy Lookin' Mug Awards

Due to a lack of response, the GLMA's have been scrapped. Thanks to those few who did participate.

## Rasslin' Results

WWF MONTREAL JUNE 29,1988
by Kevin Chmelnytzki
Andre the Giant & Rick Rude beat Hacksaw Duggan & Jake Roberts... Rougeaus beat Demolition by DQ... Dino Bravo beat Ultimate Warrior... One Man Gang beat Bam Bam Bigelow by forfeit... Hillbilly Jim beat Barry Horowitz... Big Boss Man beat Lanny Poffo... Frenchy Martin beat Sam Houston..

NWA BASH PITTSBURG JULY 8, 1988
by Holly Girdwood
Dusty Rhodes & Lex Luger beat Ric Flair & Barry Windham in a double bullrope match... Fantastics beat Midnight Express in a scaffold match... Road Warriors beat Arn & Tully by DQ... Sting, Nikita Koloff & Steve Williams beat Ivan Koloff, Dick Murdoch & Russian Assassin when Williams pinned Murdoch... Rockn'Roll Express beat Sheepherders when Morton pinned Williams... Mike Rotundo beat Jim Garvin... Ron Garvin beat Rick Steiner... Al Perez & Larry Zbyszko beat Lightning Express when Perez pinned Horner... Bugsy McGraw DCOR Rip Morgan... Chris Champions drew Kendall Windham...

WWF TORONTO JULY 24, 1988
Randy Savage beat Ted DiBiase by DQ... British Bulldogs & Ultimate Warrior beat Demolition & Mr Fuji... Greg Valentine beat Don Muraco... Powers of Pain beat Bolsheviks... King Haku beat SD Jones... Terry Taylor beat Richard Charland... Terry Taylor beat Scott Casey...

UCWA LEAMINGTON JULY 30, 1988
Billy Jack Hayesn beat Rip Oliver in 12:46... Pat Brady beat Rocky Dellaserra in 14:36... Pat Brady won a $15,000 Battle Royal... Chuck Simms beat Chico Fernandez in 14:35 to win Portuguese title... Delta Dawn we nt to a double countout with Teri Poch to retain her ladies title in 24:36... Hurricane Heater beat Toni Starr... Karate Kid beat Little Brutus... Attendance: 3,250

NWA BASH DETROIT JULY 31, 1988
Dusty Rhodes & the Shiek beat Kevin Sullivan & Dick Murdoch... Fantastics beat Midnight Express in a scaffold match... Road Warriors, Lex Luger & Sting beat the Four Horsemen... Nikita Koloff beat Al Perez in a chain match... Rick Steiner beat Kendall Windham... Rick Morton & Brad Armstrong beat Sheepherders... Ron Garvin beat Tim Horner in 0:52... Jim Garvin beat Ivan Koloff... Bugsy McGraw drew with Larry Zbyszko... Attendance: 7,000+

## WORLD GRAND PRIX

The World Grand Prix circuit runs every summer in the Maritimes of Canada. Halifax, Moncton and other cities out east are treated on a regular basis to the wrestling shows put on by Emile Dupree. Many stars have competed on this circuit in the past, and many continue to today. On this summer's tour, headlining are Huster Rip Rogers with manager Jonathon Holliday, currently the International Champion. The current North American tag team champs are Bulldog Bob Brown & Tokyo Chono. Dino Ventura (Buddy Wayne in Tomko), Sailor White, the Great Mulumba and the Super Bees (Carl Ouellet & Eddie Watts) are also on this summer's tour.

Wrestlers also come in to work the circuit for a week or two, like the midgets and ladies. Gimmic matches, such as Battle Royals, and chain matches, are also very apparent.

Their television show does help draw in some people, but many a Maritimer goes for the show, whether they know who is there or not. It is cheap entertainment, especially compared to the WWF, who over the past year, has begun promoting live shows in the Maritimes.

World Grand Prix wrestling is not glitzy, but is an important part of the independent wrestling scene.

## VON ERICHS IN ONTARIO?

YES.

Did you happen to catch Kerry and Kevin Von Erich at the racetrack in Fort Erie, Ontario on the July 23rd weekend? Many people did. But if you didn't, don't worry, they'll be back.

Thanks to a newly created co-promotion between World Class and local UCWA promoter Doug Feltom, the World Class wrestlers will be appearing in Ontario.

August 16th in Thunder Bay at the Memorial Park will feature Kevin Von Erich & Michael Hayes vs Buddy Roberts & Iceman Parsons in the main event. Many more events are being planned.

This should add some excitement to the stagnating wrestling scene in Ontario.

More details to follow...

## WAY TO GO RONNIE!

by Greg Oliver

When I first heard of Ron Garvin's feat at the July 10th Great American Bash PPV show in Baltimore, my immediate reaction was 'Way to go Ronnie!' Anyone who clubs the 'American Doughboy' Dusty Rhodes is someone to cheer for.

But when I finally saw the match, and the angle they ran around it, I'm not so sure it was the greatest move ever.

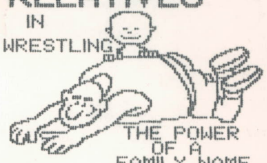
Rhodes looked typically disgusting in the match, using his unbelievable recuperative powers to knock down Barry Windham after being in the claw hold for only five minutes. Of course, the ref has taken a nasty fall. In comes Ronnie Garvin, he smiles, pats Dusty on the shoulder, Dusty turns around, and bang! Hands of Stone knocks out Rhodes.

Up to this point, fine. Well done actually. But when they do the 'I Will Do Anything For Money' angle, I was disappointed. It really makes no sense. Ron Garvin, former World Champion (believe it or not) now turned mercenary. And to put him with Gary Hart...

Garvin's career needed a change. At most arenas, there were more boos than cheers. And this is the change. He can now live the ultimate nightmare of battling Dusty Rhodes every night.

Way to go Ron - I feel sorry for you.

## RELATIVES IN WRESTLING



THE POWER OF A FAMILY NAME

by: Sandy Lewis

It seems that nearly everyone in wrestling has a relative or two in the business. That's fine, like any profession, but where does that leave the 'outsiders' looking for a break?

Many of today's stars got a push towards stardom by their famous relatives. The Von Erichs. The Rougeaus. The Harts and brother-in-law Jim Neidhart. The Windhams. Greg Gagne. Curt Hennig. The Smith brothers (Jake Roberts and Sam Houston) whose father is Grizzly Smith. Honkytonk Man with cousin Jerry Lawler. The list is truly endless..

That's fine for some wrestlers, but not for others. What about those who have the abilities to be a pro wrestler but not the connections? Are they to remain outsiders to allow relatives of stars to join leagues?

Fortunately, this is not always the case. Wrestlers should be hired on ability, not on their family name. Is there any doubt that Leaping Lanny Poffo remains in the WWF, although playing a small role, because his brother is champ Randy Savage? Poffo should be getting a small push or be let go to make room for more talented and exciting newcomers.

The more and more I look, it seems that the only way to get a break these days is to have a relation in the business.

I wonder if Vince McMahon would believe that I am Hercules' third cousin twice removed...

## PLUGS

OR AN EFFORT TO RETURN SOMETHING TO THE WRESTLING WORLD

The following are advertisements granted by the editor.

The products are all highly recommended, but please don't forget about the Wrestling Report!

# Will you Pay Per View?

No doubt about it, pay per view television is the future of the sporting world. Up to now, the biggest beneficiaries of PPV has been boxing and wrestling. And their success will lead other sports into the fray.

This brings up the big question.

Will you Pay Per View?

Canada does not yet have a cable company that deals the package of PPV TV. Very few, if any, televisions in Canada are addressable. A TV that is addressable can, when programmed by the cable company, receive special brodcasts.

The Tyson-Spinks fling showed just how much money can be made and how many people will tune in when given the opportunity.

The latest effort by the wrestling world was the NWA's July 10th Great American Bash 'The Price For Freedom'. It has a huge success for them, exceeding many expectations. Below is an advertisement.

The PPV concept will eventually eliminate closed circuit TV. I have attended three closed circuit shows, and I know, if I had been given the chance to see it at home, no matter what the price, I would have taken it. Imagine, your our popcorn, no loud and obnoxious people screaming at a big TV screen...

The SummerSlam '88, scheduled by the WWF for August 29th, will most likely be a success too.

Pay Per View is here to stay.

What other sports will cash in is not definite, but imagine, the Super Bowl on PPV, the basketball playoffs on PPV, the Indy 500 on PPV...

Yes, Pay Per View, I will play.

# LEARNING THE ROPES

## TV Taping Information

Now that the show has been picked up by numerous stations, the responsability now exists to come through. Learning the Ropes will be taping on a regular basis in Willowdale, Ontario. Each taping session will feature a star from the NWA. Already, they have had Dick Murdoch, Jim Garvin and Precious. If you would like to be a part of the studio audience call:

(416) 299 - 2255

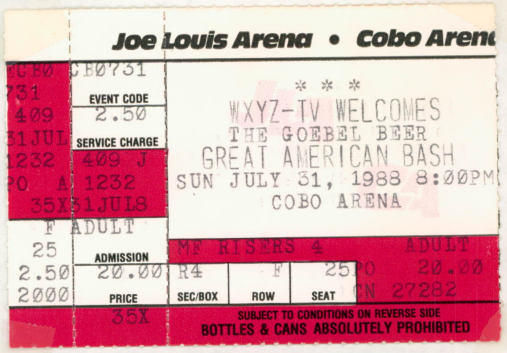
and leave your name and phone number so they can get back to you regarding tickets. Do so well in advance to ensure that you can get tickets. All tapings are at 6:30 pm. The duration varies.

Scheduled are:

August 11: Rock'n'Roll Express
August 17: Ric Flair
August 24: Ivan Koloff
August 31: Road Warriors
September 1: Road Warriors

The in ring taping that happened last March have been scrapped. The live NWA shows are being taped for added realism with a double taking the role of Lyle Alzado as the Masked Maniac.

Learning the Ropes starts nationally on CTV on September 16th.




The Wrestling Report, in association with Toronto Wrestling History, ventured down to Detroit on our first ever 'bus' trip. The stories surrounding the trip are too numerous and scary to recount here, but let me just say, that if you are interested in coming with us on September 4th to the Cobo Hall, let me know very soon. Here is a look at the card.

First off: The NWA sure has class. The wrestlers rolled into the building via black and white limos. Luckily, there weren't too many police, they were all next door at the Run DMC concert. The fans were all rabid and ready for action. Some of them had been there for two hours waiting for the wrestlers. The Horsemen limo simply defies description...

The show got under way on time with LARRY ZBYSZKO crying 'Detroit Sucks!' into the microphone. Good reaction. Larry's WSH title was on the line against 'top contender' BUGSY MCGRAW. Some opener. It is really sad to see what role Zbyszko has been put in. It ended (mercifully) a 10-minute draw. (*1/2)

JIMMY GARVIN acc. by PRECIOUS then took on IVAN KOLOF. It was a good match with Garvin winning. PAUL JONES got into an argument with Koloff afterward. A possible turn here? Ivan Koloff - good guy? (**)

RONNIE GARVIN went on next with GART HART against TIM HORNER. We all settled back to watch Horner make Garvin look half good, when Garvin fakes any injury, Horner goes to help him, and POW! Hands of Stone knocks him out. 52 seconds. (***)

In a delightful turn of events, ROBERT GIBSON did not show up, so we had BRAD ARMSTRONG & RICKY MORTON take on the SHEEPHERDERS with RIP MORGAN. The Sheeps must love their job. They hardly wrestle, they just yell and scream at the crowd. What did happen in the ring wasn't bad at all, with Morton & Armstrong emerging with the win. (***1/2)

RICK STEINER had the challenge of the night, taking on KENDALL WINDHAM. Steiner's thighs are bigger than Kendall. Rick is simply amazing. He does some unbelievable moves. Unfortunately, they were all pretty unbelievable when he does them for Kendall. Steiner did his triple flip, an amazing miss off the top rope and a strange move, where he had Kendall in a slam position, and then flipped right over so Kendall had him pinned. (***)

Come on Dusty, give this man a push!

The Russain chain match with AL PEREZ & NIKITA KOLOFF was much better than we expected. TOMMY YOUNG made it quite exciting, exagerating each attempt to get to each of the four corners.

Nikita won, though I didn't see the finish - my camera broke, and I was crying... (***)

And then, in the match that made the show, THE FOUR HORSEMEN took on STING, LEX LUGER and the ROAD WARRIORS. The heat in this match was incredible! The boos for the Horsemen were louder than I've ever heard at a Hogan match! The guys just work so well together. The match was at least five stars. (*****)

It should have been the main, but you know 'Mr Ego' DUSTY...

FANTASTICS vs MIDNIGHT EXPRESS on the scaffold. Exciting because you are worried about their safety. See article. (**1/2)

And for the main event, Detroit welcomed back the SHIEK with partner DUSTY RHODES as they squared off against DICK MURDOCH & KEVIN SULLIVAN in a cage. It was everything we expected. Six minute bloodbath. Dusty & Shiek won, but then Shiek turned on 'the Dream.' In a minor surprise, Sullivan also turned on Murdoch. Murdoch overcomes Sullivan and saves Dusty. Somewhere in there the Shiek also threw two fireballs. So it appears Murdoch will be a good guy again, at least in Detroit. There was no TV, so they might be running another angle like this again on TV. The match itself gets no stars. The Shiek gets (**) for his antics.

The Great American Bash was everything it claimed to be. I can't wait until they come back September 4th...

The month of July saw the lives of four wrestling superstars taken away. Dave McKigney. Bruiser Brody. Adrian Adonis. Pat Kelly. This is just a small tribute to the greatness each of these men achieved.

## DAVE McKIGNEY

Canadian Promoter and wrestler Dave McKigney has dies as a result of a single car crash in Newfoundland.

McKigney was better known as the Canadian Wildman, the Bearman, and as he was billed in the 60's, Gene Dubois. The Wildman and his Big Bear Promotions was a staple on the Ontario summer wrestling scene. Over the last 20 years he wrestled and promoted in virtually every town that had an arena. He had many stars work for him. The list includes Larr Zbyszko, George Steele, Randy Poffo (Savage), brother Lanny, and father Angelo, Bobby Heenan, Angelo Mosca, Bruiser (Dick Afflis), Billy Red Lyons, Kevin Sullivan and Mark Lewin.

Dave's real fame came from his wrestling bears whom always brought out the curious to his shows. Other gimmick attractions were the ladies and midgets.

Most fans would agree that his shows weren't the flashiest but they provided mat action for the starved fans in the country who couldn't go to see the big shows in the big cities. His bright red posters were a sight for sore eyes for fans in small towns every summer.

However, over the last few years, problems with the Ontario Athletic Commission and Jack Tunney saw him put on fewer shows in the Southwestern Ontario region than ever before, culminating in tours of the east coast rather than the more lucrative Ontario market.

His lifestyle and persona were recently chronicilled in a book 'Drawing Heat' by London's Professor Jim Freedman. Dave's problems are well versed at the completion of the book. Thank you to Mr.Freedman who took interest in this legendary Canadian promoter and wrestler and put his story in print, never to be forgotten by those who hold wrestling in their hearts. So long Dave, we really enjoyed your style!

—The writer is Wes Maidment, a Toronto wrestling historian.

## Pat & Mike Kelly

The Kelly Twins, Pat and Mike Kelly, have done it all. They're known around the world for the natural talent, being twins. And it is impossible to talk about one without talking about the other.

Together they travelled the world. Japan. United States. Europe. Canada.

Together they appeared in commercials. Canada Trust. Oh Henry. Coors.

Together they appeared on televsion. Return of Billy Jack. Seeing Things.

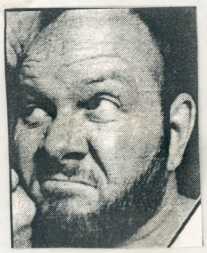
The bald heads, red trimmed beards. Pat & Mike Kelly. The Clones.

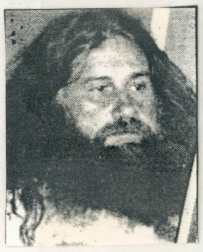
Real names, Victor and William Arko, the Kellys were regulars on the independent scene in Ontario, as their international wrestling sucess had taken a back seat to their acting careers.

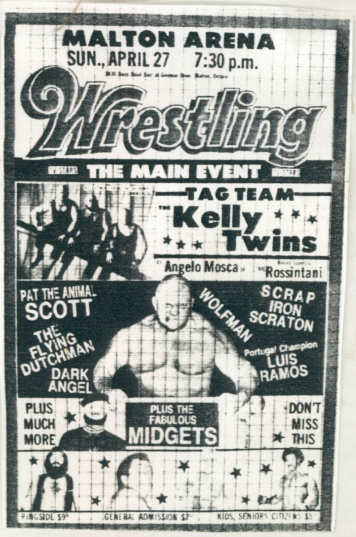
Pat and Mike Kelly both lived with their mother Helen Arko. "They really have good hearts," she said. "But I don't know how William is going to get along without his twin. They were close."

The world will miss Pat Kelly.

Mike Kelly remains in stable condition in a Newfoundland hospital.








## Bruiser Brody

"Bigger than life is quite a phrase for this man indeed" Gordon Solie.

There is no one in the wrestling world quite like Frank Goodish, better known as Bruiser Brody. In his own words, "I claim to have the biggest mouth in wrestling and I don't care if it's the world champion throwing around $5,000 to bruise me, and I don't care whether it's Paul Orndorff parading around the wrestling ring in a ridiculous looking football helmet. I don't care if it's that mad little midget. I'm tellin' ya', for all those who didn't believe it, I got a big mouth and I can back it up."

It was those last few words that describe Bruiser Brody's ring style best. He could back it up, and more.

He was a legend in Japan. Cheered in Texas. Hated in the AWA. And killed in Puerto Rico.

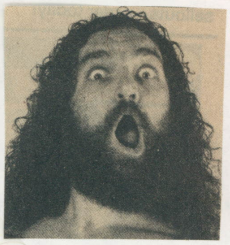
We do not need to go into details here. Brody was stabbed twice by fellow wrestler Invader I (Jose Huertas Gonzalez) during an argument. He died Saturday July 16th on the hospital bed. Gonzalez has been released on bail.

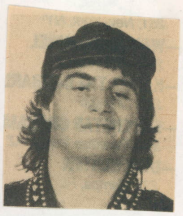
Sought after everywhere, by every known promoter. He was simply the biggest independent name in the business.

Brody did not need to work for anybody. He worked for everybody. This renegade attitude earned his worldwide reputation as a brawler and a madman. It fit Brody fine. He commanded respect everywhere.

Bruiser Brody was a legend. And he had feuded with some legends. Antonio Inoki. Abdullah the Butcher. Hulk Hogan. Stan Hansen. Ric Flair. Jerry Lawler.

Brody was 42 years old from San Antonio. His special brand of mayhem, and his bellowing voice will remembered by all.





## Adrian Adonis

Wrestler Adrian Adonis will not be forgotten by wrestling fans around the world. For most of his career, he was on the top, with championships draped around his waist.

Known orignally for his New York brawling style, Adonis quickly rose to the top, initially in the AWA. With tag team partner Jesse Ventura, he captured the AWA World tag team titles by forfeit from Verne Gagne & Mad Dog Vachon. They held the belts for over a year.

From the AWA, he ventured to the east coast promotion, the WWWF. There, managed by Fred Blassie, he challenged for the WWWF title, and the Intercontinental title.

In 1983, Adonis took to the road. He began a star in Japan, and around the United States.

With partner Dick Murdoch, Adonis captured the WWF tag team titles from Rocky Johnson & Tony Atlas. The team also has the honour of being Lou Albano's last heel champions.

Following the loss of their titles, Adonis took to Jimmy Hart as a manager.

The gay gimmick was then born.

Adonis continued to ride high in the WWF with his new 'attitude' until after Wrestle Mania 3, where he lost his hair to Roddy Piper and Brutus Beefcake.

Less than a month later, he was let go by the WWF.

On the road again, Adonis attempted to shed the gay image and become the respected star he once was.

Adonis was very much on his way to succeeding. He had lost weight, and had gone back to the leather jacket.

Unfortunately, he was taken away from us before getting a chance to show his new self to the world.

Adrian Adonis, whose real name is Keith Franke, is survived by his wife and two children.

## Thank you Readers

For making this the best year ever!

## Thank you Writers

For putting up with me over and over! I'm looking forward to another year.

Ed. ← THAT'S ME, Jhrg ©THREE BEARS... WOW...

Kitchener-Waterloo Record, Tues., July 5, 1988

# Accident kills three wrestlers

LEWISPORTE, Nfld. (CP) — Three professional wrestlers died and one was injured Monday night when their mini-van plunged into a brook as they were heading for this north-eastern Newfoundland town to participate in a wrestling card.

Dead are wrestlers Victor Arko of Hamilton, Keith Franke of Los Angeles and Dave McKigney of Aurora, Ont.

To their fans, the three were better known, respectively, as Pat Kelly, Adorable Adrian Adonis and Wildman.

In serious but stable condition in hospital in St. John's, Nfld., is Arko's twin brother, William, who fought under the ring name Mike Kelly. The two formed a midget wrestling team called the Kelly Twins.

RCMP said the late-model van went out of control on the Trans-Canada Highway 60 kilometres west of Gander at Notre Dame Junction, where the Lewisporte highway begins.

The four had been scheduled to perform at Lewisporte tonight as part of an East-Coast tour by the Big Time Professional Wrestling company, based in Aurora, Ont.

The rest of the tour has been cancelled, said wrestler Bobby Funk, who was driving a car a few kilometres behind the van.

"We just seen smoke, and we slowed down and said that's the van," said wrestler Rambo Sam, a passenger in Funk's car. But there was no major fire.

Arko and McKigney died at the scene, he said. Franke died in hospital at Gander.

An ambulance attendant said the four were thrown clear of the van.

"It was gruesome," he said. "It was a real mess."

*A shocking incident as we*
*go to press.*
*Dead in a van accident*
*in Newfoundland are*
*Dave McKigney,*
*the Canadian Wildman,*
*the subject of a recent book,*
*Keith Franke, alias*
*Adrian Adonis, former*
*WWF and AWA tag team champion,*
*and Victor Arko, better*
*known as Pat Kelly of the*
*world famous Kelly Twins.*
*The tragedy cancels the*
*annual Maritime summer*
*wrestling tour.*
*More next issue.*

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## Rating the Superstars

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Randy Savage
WWF Tag – Demolition
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U.S. – Barry Windham
U.S. Tag – Midnight Express
AWA – Jerry Lauler
AWA Tag – Diamond & Tanaka
FCW – Dan Spivey
FCW Tag – Mike Graham & Steve Keirn
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World Class Tag – Von Erichs
Texas – Iceman Parsons
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Int'l Tag – Carribean Commandos
Commonwealth – Johnny Smith

| WWF TOP TEN | NWA TOP TEN |
|---|---|
| Randy Savage | Ric Flair |
| Ultimate Warrior | Barry Windham |
| Ted DiBiase | Lex Luger |
| Hulk Hogan | Sting |
| Andre the Giant | Dusty Rhodes |
| Rick Rude | Tully Blanchard |
| Bad News Brown | Steve Williams |
| Jake Roberts | Mike Rotundo |
| Hacksaw Duggan | Al Perez |
| Honkytonk Man | Nikita Koloff |

**WWF TOP FIVE TAG TEAMS**

Demolition
Warlord & Barbarian
Bret Hart & Jim Neidhart
Jacques & Raymond Rougeau
Marty Jannetty & Sean Michaels

**NWA TOP FIVE TAG TEAMS**

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Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton
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## ULTIMATE WARRIOR

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SummerSlam 88 was a show that Ultimate Warrior will never forget. Originally not even on the card, he pulled off the win of the night. Acting as a sub for Brutus Beefcake, who had problems of his own in Ron Bass, Ultimate Warrior made very short work of the Honkytonk Man to win the WWF Intercontinental championship. The longest I–C Title reign in history was ended. Warrior becomes the thirteenth I–C champion.

Ultimate Warrior should prove to be a tough man to beat. He is the type of wrestler the WWF and its fans really like, BIG with charisma. Warrior will hold the belt until around WrestleMania V.

In many ways, Warrior may be the year's most improved wrestler. First off, he moved to the WWF from World Class, a boost in money, and in fame. He has learned how to rile up a crowd, but unfortunately, still lacks any wrestling talent.

But he does have the I–C title...

## WELCOME TO ONTARIO ICW INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING!

During the month of August, Ontario was graced with the presence of a new wrestling group trying to make inroads in what has been traditionally WWF country. With shows in Owen Sound, Brampton, and Orangeville, the ICW made itself known to just a few fans, on what promoter Chris Drury described as a tour "to get a solid base in Ontario." Results from two of the three shows appear in our ratings section.

The ICW singles ratings (from the ICW):
Champion: Moondog Spike

**ICW TOP TEN CONTENDERS**

Tony Atlas
Jumpin' Joe Savoldi
Giant Gustav
Cowboy Bob Orton
Rocky Johnson
Dungeon Master
Prince Mike Kahlua
Tom 'Chippendale' Brandi
Vic Steamboat
Bam Bam Bigelow

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# EDITORIAL

**FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1988**
**BY: GREG OLIVER**

## THE NEW LOOK

Well, what did you say when you saw the 'New Look' of the Wrestling Report. Were your socks knocked off, or did you simply pass it off as a long expected improvement in our typestyle?

The New Look is a result of an entire summer's worth of searching, suffering and learning. The new program is called PERSONAL NEWSLETTER, from Softsync, Inc. It was designed by Michael Gardi of the University of Waterloo. In fact, I even got a call from him one day, as the store I bought the program from got fed up with me hassling them to get the program to work on my ancient Apple IIe computer. One month, and many dollars later, the program started to work properly on my computer. From there it was just a matter of learning and experimenting.

What will the New Look mean to you? How about legible text, wider range of graphic possiblities, and most of all, another page. This is it actually, you are currently reading only the fourth page three in Wrestling Report history. On the other hand though, it will mean higher rates on subscriptions, due to a possible increase in postage. This will be determined soon. So this is your chance to renew before the rates go up! Yes - this means you!!

To my benefit, I can work on an entire page at once, instead of ten different pieces per page with the last program.

Hope you enjoy the new Wrestling Report. Let me know what you think!

WORLD CLASS

The World Class region has been slowing down lately, probally explained by SKANDOR AKBAR's position as booker, and his current position in just about everyone of their angles... On the other hand though, crowds for KERRY VON ERICH vs KAMALA have been good and vocal... Everything on the circuit pales miserably in comparison to the spirit and enthusiam portrayed by The SAMOAN SWAT TEAM of TONGA KID & GREAT SAMU. Simply put, they are the best thing they have... ICEMAN PARSONS won the Texas title from KEVIN VON ERICH... STEVE & SHAUN SIMPSON are still feuding with JOHN TATUM & JACK VICTORY (I know I say this every month, but it shows how stale this region has gotten)... JIMMY JACK FUNK is feuding with MANIAC MATT BORNE... STEVE COX is one of their hot new babyfaces as a tag team partner to MICHAEL HAYES... KILLER TIM BROOKS is in the area, but has not really set any goals... THE MISSING LINK is also one of the wrestlers who appears to be achieving nothing...

STAMPEDE WRESTLING

THE CARRIBEAN COMMANDOS, JERRY MORROW & CUBAN ASSASSIN beat BAD COMPANY, BRUCE HART & BRIAN PILLMAN for the Int'l tag team titles. The loss came about following Pillman's long awaited return from an arm injury and of course, some KARACHI VICE skuldugery (did I spell that right??)... MAKHAN SINGH currently faces the bigger than life challenge of STRANGLER STEVE DISALVO. They brewed the feud on TV leading up to actual matches at arenas. Look for a TV brawl soon... Singh has been doing commentary for the openers, and then defending his title in the semi main event... LANCE IDLE is new to the area. I have no idea what this guy is going to be like though. He appears to be some sort of replacement for the departed JONATHON HOLLIDAY (as if they needed one)... BIFF WELLINGTON is the leading contender for JOHNNY SMITH's Commonwealth title and will soon make a tour of Japan. Congrats... Stampede is covering for OWEN HART's departure by saying he is still in Japan defending his Junior title. Hart is the BLUE BLAZER in the WWF... KEITH HART has gone back to firefighting...

TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

JOHNATHON SAYERS has been re-instated as a manager... SWEET DADDY SAMPSON is still the UWA Canadian champion. He is feuding with RICK DAVIS and ROCKY DELLASERRA... DIRTY DAN DENTON recently attacked Dellaserra with a metal suitcase... I-TON has graduated to the point where he gets the chance to do interviews alongside FROG... MICHELLE STARR looks increasingly disgusting... The two cowboys on the circuit, CHRIS NEVADA, the good guy, and BLACKJACK SMITH, the baddie, look very much the same, but Smith is accomplied by TIGER SINGH...

## NWA PRO WRESTLING

The NWA is having its problems finacially right now. Numerous wrestlers have not been paid the money owed to them, creating unrest in the camp. Rumours have been flying around, including OLE ANDERSON possibly taking over... ROBERT GIBSON has quit the NWA and thereby the ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS. Look for RICKY MORTON to team with NIKITA KOLOFF or go solo. On this weekend's NWA Pro show, BOB CAUDLE called Morton a "threat to any singles title". Maybe, but don't look for him being around for more than a month or two... RONNIE GARVIN has left the NWA... THE LIGHTNING EXPRESS appears to be no more. TIM HORNER has been reduced to the rank of lead jobber. He certainly does not merit it though, he is one the NWA's untapped potentials. BRAD ARMSTRONG looks to be getting a push, as he was recently attacked by KEVIN SULLIVAN & AL PEREZ with a chain... The ROAD WARRIOR / VARSITY CLUB feud is new and has tremendous potential. If RICK STEINER should sell his spectacular flips and falls for anyone, it should be the Warriors... IVAN KOLOFF will be turning good guy before he retires... MIGHTY WILBUR is gone... PAUL JONES should be gone within the next few months. He is useless... Clash of Champions III will be on September 7th from Albany, Georgia. Headlining are BARRY WINDHAM vs STING... Look for the OUTLAWS, RHODES & MURDOCH to involve themselves in a feud with another tag team soon...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

The Intercontinental title went to the ULTIMATE WARRIOR at SummerSlam. It is a better choice than BRUTUS BEEFCAKE, but not by much... Beefcake has started up a feud with COWBOY RON BASS. The Bass attack came as a surprise and resulted in some humerous clowning and revenge by Bass. The Outlaw took his spur to Brutus' forehead, forcing the WWF to censor to attack with an X across the screen. A useless feud for two of Titan's many useless wrestlers... OWEN HART is now the BLUE BLAZER and will be getting a major push, much to this writer's surprise... The ONE MAN GANG has been 'demoted' to smaller cards... OLIVER HUMPERDINK appears to have been phazed out with the departure of BAM BAM BIGELOW... The IRON SHIEK is gone (again...). You can probally make up a good reason... BARON VON RASCHKE is the new manager of the POWERS OF PAIN... JACQUES & RAYMOND ROUGEAU have taken on JIMMY HART as a manager... The KILLER BEES seem to be no more. Both B.BRIAN BLAIR & JIM BRUNZELL have been wrestling in singles matches... The same goes for the YOUNG STALLIONS... HULK HOGAN's schedule will consist only of weekends. On those weekends, he will mainly be facing TED DIBIASE... RANDY SAVAGE vs ANDRE will be the main feud for the next months... Another feud will be HACKSAW DUGGAN vs DINO BRAVO... The RICK RUDE / JAKE ROBERTS feud will soon have battling valets at ringside...

## MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

AWA Champion JERRY LAWLER is feuding rather violently once again with Heartthrob AUSTIN IDOL... JIMMY VALIANT has been helping JEFF JARRETT in his feud with ROBERT FULLER & the STUD STABLE... BUDDY LANDELL was in for a few dates... Unfortunately, this is all the CWA news I could muster, as my source is on vacation... It will be better over the next few months though, as he is returning from the area, and I will be going down in October...

## AWA AMERICAN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

The AWA television show has been pulled off stations too many to mention. This should just about mean their end... But wait, what's this? Former world champion RONNIE GARVIN coming to the rescue. Garvin is said to be heading AWAway... MANDO, HECTOR & CHAVO GUERRERO have all worked here. Did you see Mando screw up the finisher off the ropes last month on TSN? Off the ropes, flat on his face!...

## OTHER NEWS

BILLY JACK HAYNES' Oregeon Wrestling Federation has folded after three months of operations. Money problems were the main reason... JOSE HUERTAS GONZALES, INVADER I, will go to trial for the murder of BRUISER BRODY September 8th. He is expected to plead not guilty for reason of self-defence... GEORGE CANNON appears to be attempting inroads on the Canadian independent scene with the end of BIG BEAR PROMOTIONS. He ran a show in Yorkton, Saskatchawan with ticket prices as high as $14.00! He is also returning to London's Western Fair in September... RONNIE GARVIN is scheduled to face the IRON SHIEK in a battle of former world champs at an upcoming WWC card...

## Rasslin' Results

**WWF TORONTO**
**AUGUST 7, 1988**

Randy Savage beat Ted DiBiase in a steel cage match... Rougeaus beat Hart Foundation... Bad News Brown beat Hacksaw Duggan... Ron Bass beat Koko.B.Ware... Sam Houston beat Iron Mike Sharpe... Iron Shiek beat Joe Milano... Honkytonk Man beat Brutus Beefcake...

**ICW BRAMPTON AUGUST 16, 1988**

Tony Atlas beat Dungeon Master by DQ... Heidi Lee Morgan beat Sheena... Vic Steamboat beat Dusty Wolfe... Gustav the Giant beat Boston Bad Boy by DQ... Sheena won a ladies battle royale... Chris Evans beat Lou Fabiano... plus another ladies bout...

**UCWA THUNDER BAY AUGUST 16,1988**

Kevin Von Erich & Michael Hayes beat Buddy Roberts & Iceman Parsons... Delta Dawn beat Candi Devine... Chuck Simms vs the Original Destroyer ended in a double DQ... Pat Brady beat Mike Stone... Canadian Giant beat Rip Oliver & Black Ninja...

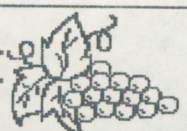
**ICW ORANGEVILLE AUGUST 17, 1988**

Tony Atlas & Vic Steamboat beat Dungeon Master & Boston Bad Boy... Heidi Lee Morgan beat Debbie Kovak... Dusty Wolfe beat Chris Evans... Debbie Kovak won ladies battle royale... Kathy King Kade & Sheena beat Ashley & Amber Allen... Gustav the Giant beat Lou Fabiano...

**WWF TORONTO AUGUST 28, 1988**

Hulk Hogan beat Bad News Brown... Hart Foundation drew Rougeaus... Ultimate Warrior beat Honkytonk Man by DQ... King Haku beat Tito Santana... Rick Rude beat Ken Patera... Curt Hennig beat Sam Houston... Blue Blazer (Owen Hart) beat Barry Horowitz...

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...



Who'll be venturing into WWF land this month? How about TERRY GORDY, STAN HANSEN & STEVE WILLIAMS. DAVE SHELDON (Russian Assassin, Angel of Death) may also be headed to Titan. Boy, it sure seems they're always after the big boys...

The AWA is trying to get the other smaller promotions to co-operate on a pay-per-view big show in October...

## Scotty Speaks Out...

by: Cindy Smith

### WHY I DO NOT MISS RODDY PIPER

Good or bad, I don't think Piper fooled anyone, especially me. He was a trouble-making, self-centered motormouth who did not care who he walked on to get what he wanted.

I can never forget or forgive his cruelty towards wrestlers like Superfly Snuka. People say most violence in wrestling is not real but I believe that the Snuka attack was real, Piper's true feelings.

Roddy Piper does not have a human feeling in his whole body. His heart is ice. Piper coming back to wrestling will be a nightmare. He will not come back as Mr.Clean. On the contrary.

Roderick Toombs AKA Roddy Piper of Winnipeg, Canada, take my advice and stay in the foolish creation of Frogtown. Don't humiliate the Scots anymore. We have had enough.

**ICW (continued from page 1)**

Tag Team Ratings:

Champions: Vic Steamboat & Joe Savoldi
Dungeon Master & Moondog Spike
Tony Atlas & Rocky Johnson
Boston Bad Boy & Dungeon Master
Tom Brandi & Cheetah Kid
The Samoans

Junior Heavyweight Champion:
Irresistable Eric Spracier

Ladies Champion: Heidi Lee Morgan

The ICW, defined by many as Savoldi's group is in fact a series of smaller independent promoters from around the U.S. and now Canada.

Other independent stars such as Abdullah the Butcher, Ivan Putski, SD Jones & Cousin Luke appear in ICW bouts.

In Ontario, the ICW wants to create a solid base while providing the fans with something new. Negociations are under way to secure television rights.

Ontario is a big place. We certainly have room for anyone interested in promoting wrestling around here. I just hope that Jack Tunney realizes that the Indys will not put him out of business. The last time Tunney muscled an indy, we all know what happened, thanks to the documentation provided by Jim Freedman in Drawing Heat.

Best of luck to the ICW.

If you do get a chance to go to one of their shows (they have many more for Ontario at the planning stages), make sure you go. And if you do run into the promoter or their associates, tell them that the Wrestling Report sent you.

The long awaited battle between the MegaPowers and the MegaBucks took place August 29th, and it really wasn't any different than any other time these four giants tangled, except that there was more hype and less clothing.

Manager Elizabeth had the honour of truly helping her man to a victory this time, instead of her famed concerned look at ringside. Liz derobed down to show off her stunning legs in order to distract Ted DiBiase, Andre the Giant and referee Jesse Ventura just long enough for Hulk to pin DiBiase. A novel finisher.

There did seem to be some tension between Hulk & Savage, as Savage & Liz were forced into the Hulk's shadow...

In other matches, the Ultimate Warrior surprised many by appearing, filing in for Brutus Beefcake, and then winning the Intercontinental championship from Honkytonk Man in little less than twenty five seconds.

Demolition pinned the Hart Foundation to keep their WWF tag titles when Jimmy Hart threw his megaphone to Ax in order to clobber Bret Hart.

Junkyard Dog beat Rick Rude by DQ but the highlight was Jake Roberts entering, furious about Rude's Cheryl Roberts tights.

Fabulous Rougeaus drew with the British Bulldogs.

Brother Love had Hacksaw Duggan as his guest. Obviously, something went wrong and the scheduled guest didn't make it.

Bad News Brown beat Ken Patera.

The Powers of Pain beat the Bolsheviks. Big Boss Man beat Koko B.Ware. Muraco vs Bravo.

## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

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|---|---|
| Sept 9 | WWF Belleville |
| Sept 10 | WWF Peterborough |
| Sept 11 | WWF Guelph |
| Sept 14 | UCWA Sioux Lookout |
| Sept 15 | Superstars of Wrestling London Western Fair |
| Sept 15 | UCWA Kapuskasing |
| Sept 16 | UCWA Cochrane |
| Sept 17 | UCWA / World Class Thunder Bay |
| Sept 18 | WWF Toronto |
| Sept 23 | UCWA Tillsonburg |

** The action picks up!! **

## TOMMY YOUNG:

WORLD'S MOST EXCITING REFEREE

Giving credit where credit is due. Is that not a writer's responsibility? Well, no refere that I have ever seen adds excitement to a match like the legendary NWA referee Tommy Young. Simply put he can turn a good match into a great match.

Take for example, Nikita Koloff vs Al Perez in a chain match. Now chain matches are usually pretty senseless, with each wrestler simply clobbering the other into oblivion. This match was that, but Tommy Young made it excellent. He whirred his arms around, indicating the next turnbuckle. He leaped into the fray to stop the injustices. In every way, he enhanced the match.

And then take the ref bump. Is there any-one who does it better (and more often) than Young? Whether getting hit by the Road Warriors or Kendall Windham, Young sells the bump as if his life depended on it.

Often, such men go unheralded. Referees in general do not get the credit they deserve. Wrestling needs the neutral force to save good from evil. So the next time you watch wrestling, take a look at the referee and see how he influences the bout. From Bronko Lubbich in World Class who kills the excitement of a pinfall to Tommy Young who can make just about anything exciting - even Nikita Koloff!

## NO HOLDS BARRED= The movie

Starring You Know Who

It seems everyone makes mention of it, but no one has much information. Well, here's what we know, some fact, some speculation.

The movie will be released around Christmas so that all the kiddies can go to see it. It is being produced by Titan Entertainment and Vince McMahon. The film will centre around wrestling (obviously!) and the plot will probally be confusing and silly (like the WWF). In to do the job for the Hulkster are Giant Gustav, he of the world's biggest hands, Stan Hansen, the legendary cowboy who is nearing the end of his career, and Bill Eadie, Demolition Smash. This is good for the movie and the WWF, having new stars for the film so they can enter the Federation.

The film will probally bomb.

## WELCOME BACK!

FL-O-RIDA Championship Wrestling

Florida Championship Wrestling is back, a little smaller and a little different, but it is still the FCW.

Brought to us by Mike Graham, with help from Jerry Jarrett, the FCW is trying to fill the void left in the Florida wrestling scene when the old promotion sold out to Jim Crockett Promotions and was assimilated into the NWA back in January 1987.

On July 30th, in Tampa, the FCW held a show with World Class and Memphis. The main event featured Kerry Von Erich beating Jerry Lawler by DQ in a title unification bout. The undercard saw a match for the FCW Florida title. We will recognize this as the Florida title, even though Mike Rotundo still holds the old Florida belt, and sometimes it shows up at matches around Rick Steiner's waist.

In that match, Dan Spivey was crowned Florida champion by defeating Dick Slater.

FCW Tag Team Champions Steve Keirn & Mike Graham lost to AWA World tag champs Pat Tanaka & Paul Diamond by DQ. Keirn & Graham were the Florida tag champs at the point of the NWA merger.

Also in the area are Denny Brown, Hector Guerrero & Ricky Santana.

The future of the FCW looks bright. It seems that there has always been a Florida promotion, and happily, it looks like that will continue in the future.

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## Championship Lookout

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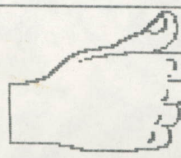


## THEY WENT THAT WAY...

LEAVING THE NWA IN DROVES

By now I'm sure that you have heard about the plight of the NWA. With the local pro-WWF media, all the bad news has made headlines. What to believe and what not to believe?

Well, the NWA is in major financial difficulty. JIM CROCKETT PROMOTIONS the owners of the NWA, have many outstanding debts, the biggest of which being to their wrestlers.

Would you work for a promoter who cannot pay you? This is certainly the biggest problem they face. But how did it come about and how do they solve it?

Well, it is my opinion now, looking back, that the NWA simply tried to go too big. Competing with the WWF is a nice idea, but one has to be realistic. Going with free WTBS shows

(continued on reverse)

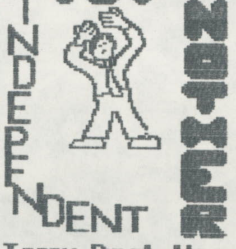
## MIDNIGHT EXPRESS

**Stan Lane and Bobby Eaton with Jim Cornette**

For years, the manager of the Midnight Express, Jim Cornette, has been telling us about what a great team he had. People could certainly see that they had talent, and that they had the U.S. tag titles, but they weren't World champs anymore. Until now.

September 10th, in Philadelphia, the Express beat Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard to win the NWA World Tag Team Titles when Bobby Eaton came off the top rope with a leg drop on Anderson. At the same time though, Blanchard had Lane in a pin. Referee Tommy Young counted three and awarded the belts to the Midnights. It was Arn & Tully's last match with the NWA.

The Midnight Express are now braced for the challenge of the Road Warriors in the struggling NWA.




You know a show is of small scale when you arrive and are immediately thrust into unknown roles – aside from being there to enjoy the show. September 23rd in Tillsonburg, Ontario ended up being quite a night for subscribers Terry Dart, Wes Maidment and I. Terry helped with the photos for the program and took ringside photos. Wes became the camera man. I sold tickets and announced the first match. "Hello Tillsonburg and welcome to UCWA wrestling!... And from California, Ontario..." Oops!

The show itself was fun. You could tell the people enjoyed the show, regardless of the winter jacket weather.

Wrestlers Mad Dog Rex, Canadian Giant and Pretty Boy Simms certainly made an impact. Rex did one of the best leg sweeps we've ever seen. The Giant was very receptive to the fans, signing autographs for most of the night. Simms just got great heat from the crowd. He certainly could make it on a circuit somewhere.

So if you ever get a chance to go to a UCWA show, say you are from the Wrestling Report and maybe you'll get more involved in the show than you expected!

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**By: Greg Oliver**

## THE INDY 500

It seems everyone and their brother is beginning to run shows in Canada. Was Dave McKigney that imposing of a figure to keep everyone else out? Tunney and the WWF still rule Canada, with Stampede Stu, Terrible Tomko and Easy-Going Emile, having a piece of the country. We also have the ICW, the UCWA, Superstars of Wrestling, the AWA, World Class, and now, yes, it is true, the NWA. Not in Ontario, but in Winnipeg and Brandon, Manitoba.

The road is filling up.

Can't say that I mind though.

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The leagues race by - who will finish in the race for a piece of Canada's wrestling scene?

**( NWA THAT WAY... continued)**

is a great idea. Promoting a Bunkhouse Stampede final on pay-per view was. Of course, it is so much easier to look back now, but one problem that has always been complained about was DUSTY RHODES acting as booker. His job as booker is to set up the matches, who fights who - and why. It is not an easy job, but our biggest complaint is Rhodes putting himself in the spotlight. Enough about Dusty - so much has been said before.

Gone in the last month are RONNIE GARVIN, TIM HORNER, ARN ANDERSON, and TULLY BLANCHARD. In limbo are JIMMY GARVIN and PRECIOUS, LARRY ZBYSZKO and LEX LUGER. NWA stars have been getting offers left and right. Who is next, the world's best wrestler, RIC FLAIR? Maybe.

To solve his woes, JIM CROCKETT has set up a deal with communications multi-millionaire TED TURNER of Atlanta. As of press though, the deal has not gone through. Apparently, proposals have been met on both sides, but it has yet to be signed.

If and when the deal is signed, look for a major rebuilding in the NWA.

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# PLUGS

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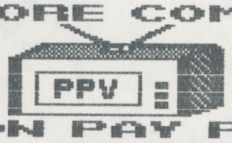
**BIG Question:**

If the NWA is going out of business, then how can Tomko still be around?

## MORE COMMENTS FROM BETSEY ANDERSON ON PAY PER VIEW TV




Pay Per View is not necessarily the wave of the future for professional wrestling. Although it can be profitable, I think there are limits to its success in the future.

How much pay per view wrestling will the fans support? Given that the hype on free TV takes at least one month, the maximum would be a monthly event per promotion. Given the amount of wrestling on commercial television, a quarterly PPV per promotion is more realistic. I believe that even a quarterly event per promotion is too much. Each of these events, in order to draw a good audience, must be a unique card that will be of great interest. The WWF does great gimmicks; the NWA can do great shows. Each promotion could probally do two PPVs a year and draw tremendous audiences if they do it right.

Much of the profit in wrestling comes from the sale of souvenirs. Pay per view does not sell souvenirs, except to the arena audience. Videos of the card will probally not sell, except to those who can't get someone else to tape it.

I refuse to watch wrestling on a pay per view basis. To me, it is a ripoff. No show on a TV screen is worth it. Why should I pay $15 or $20 to watch something on a tiny screen? Three inch wrestlers don't make it in my book. The major fun of a big card is being there, not watching tiny figures and listening to someone else call the action. If being there is impossible, I'll pay someone else to tape it for me.

NWA PRO WRESTLING

THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS, STAN LANE & BOBBY EATON won the NWA tag team titles from ARN ANDERSON and TULLY BLANCHARD in Philadelphia. The two Horsemen then jumped ship to the WWF. This is by far the biggest loss of the NWA in recent memory. The POWERS OF PAIN were being pushed, but they had no real talent. Arn & Tully were recognized as one of the best teams around... IVAN KOLOFF has turned good. He was attacked by the RUSSIAN ASSASSINS at the third Clash of Champions. NIKITA KOLOFF & STEVE WILLIAMS have promised to help Koloff get revenge... RICK MORTON has left for the AWA... LEX LUGER may be gone. Like many other wrestlers, he is upset with current situations.... JIMMY GARVIN was injured by KEVIN SULLIVAN. The attack is a cover-up for Garvin's scheduled knee surgery... Russian Assassin #2 is JACK VICTORY... They have hinted towards a possible turn of RICK STEINER. Sullivan and MIKE ROTUNDO have been noticably irritating Steiner as of late. Wouldn't it be great if they brought in SCOTT STEINER to help out his brother?... GARY HART & AL PEREZ have formed an association with the VARSITY CLUB, helping Sullivan out in his Dog Collar Matches with DUSTY RHODES... RON SIMMONS appears to be headed into a confrontation with the Varsity Club... STEVE WILLIAMS & BRAD ARMSTRONG are being hyped as a team... The FANTASTICS are leading contenders for the vacant U.S. tag titles...

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

ARN ANDERSON & TULLY BLANCHARD start up for Titan in early October. They'll probally be used as a tag team as heels. VINCE MCMAHON must have some gimmick up his sleeve for these superstars... ONE MAN GANG has gone through a startling transformation ( a few months off to grow back his hair ) and is now called AKEEM. Gang does interviews and has the ultra-cool rhythm of SLICK... TERRY TAYLOR is being managed by BOBBY HEENAN... HERCULES has turned good. TED DIBIASE was trying to buy his services from Heenan, but Herc nixed the deal by attacking Heenan. He'll feud with Heenan's stable and DiBiase... CURT HENNIG is 'Mister Perfect' and has begun his mini segments, a la Million Dollar Man, to get over as perfect. ( Jim and Larry in Barrie are getting a good laugh out of this gimmick! )... BROTHER LOVE was chased off stage again, this time by MEAN GENE OKERLUND... HULK HOGAN has been doing interviews claiming that he will regain the WWF title. Interesting. At the shows, he has been facing BAD NEWS BROWN, KING HAKU and TED DIBIASE. Look for an attack on SAVAGE at one of the upcoming Saturday Night Main Event's or at the SURVIVOR SERIES which will orginate again this year from thr Richfield Colesium in Cleveland... THE FABULOUS ROUGEAU BROTHERS act of new found American patriotism is really well done and sets up a great feud with the HART FOUNDATION...

MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

JERRY LAWLER, the AWA Champion, has defended against KERRY VON ERICH in Memphis, TIEJHO KHAN in the AWA, DOUG FURNAS and WENDELL COOLEY in USA / Continental, in Florida against EDDIE GILBERT, at an independent against WAHOO MCDANIEL and in Memphis against BUDDY LANDELL, AUSTIN IDOL and TOMMY RICH... The Rock'n' Roll RPM's returned and beat SCOTT STEINER & BILLY TRAVIS for the Southern tag team titles... PHIL HICKERSON has been defending his CWA title against BUNKHOUSE BROWN, SCOTT STEINER, DAVEY HASKINS and JEFF JARRETT... CACTUS JACK FOLEY is a new member of the STUD STABLE, following Bunkhouse Borwn's turn to good... JIMMY VALIANT and BILL DUNDEE are back to the area...

AMERICAN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

The AWA ESPN tapings were done in September in conjuction with the CWA in Memphis, Nashville and Louisville. CWA, AWA and World Class stars appeared, gearing up for a pay-per-view effort scheduled for December 13th in Chicago... At the tapings, RONNIE GARVIN beat GREG GAGNE for the AWA TV title... MEDUSA MACHELLI defended the ladies belt against WENDI RICHTER... KERRY VON ERICH was DQ'ss in a match against Lawler... The AWA has started a celebrity corner at the Las Vegas tapings where they interview stars such as JERRY LEWIS... THE ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS are back together here and are challenging BAD COMPANY for the tag belts.... COLONEL DEBEERS has returned and is managed by DALLAS PAGE... JIMMY SNUKA won't be in as previously promised... I didn't realize it until now, but our TSN AWA show ( ESPN feed ) is only one week behind...

## Rasslin' Results

**NWA DETROIT SEPTEMBER 4, 1988**

Lex Luger beat Ric Flair by DQ... Midnight Express DDQ Arn Anderson & Tully Blanchard... Barry Windham beat Sting by DQ... The Outlaws beat Larry Zbyszko & Kevin Sullivan... Steve Williams beat Ivan Koloff... Brad Armstrong & Fantastics beat Sheepherders & Mike Rotundo... Rick Steiner beat Italian Stallion... Ron Simmons beat Rip Morgan...

**SUPERSTARS OF WRESTLING SEPTEMBER 15, 1988 LONDON**

Tony Atlas DCOR Iron Shiek... Heartbreakers DDQ Wild Samoans... Johnny V beat Johnny K-9... Farmer Pete beat Little Wolf... SD Jones drew Dr.Jerry Graham Jr... Calypso Jim beat Prince Muhammed... Olympia Hartbauer beat Sheena the Voodoo Queen...

**WWF TORONTO SEPTEMBER 18, 1988**

Hulk Hogan beat King Haku... Jake Roberts beat Rick Rude...Powers of Pain beat Bolsheviks... Ted DiBiase beat Koko.B.Ware... Brutus Beefcake beat Ron Bass by DQ... Curt Hennig beat Jim Brunzell... Big Boss Man beat Jim Powers... Iron Mike Sharpe beat Tommy Angel...

**UCWA TILLSONBURG SEPTMEBER 23**

Chico Fernandez beat Mad Dog Rex by DQ... Voodoo Queen beat Silver Rose to win UCWA ladies title... Pretty Boy Chuck Simms won a Battle Royal for the UCWA title... Canadian Giant beat Eric the Red by DQ... Chuck Simms DCOR Buster Bloodbrother...

TONITE'S FEATURE:

## Randy Savage vs Dino Bravo

As Randy Savage gears up for a new challenge for his WWF title, Canada sighs at the fools we are made out to be by Bravo and the Rougeaus.

This new feud will headline arenas across Canada including the Forum in Montreal and the Gardens in Toronto.

At their confrontation in Bravo's hometown of Montreal August 28, 1988, Bravo, the strongman that he is, hurled Elizabeth to the floor. Dino was declared winner when Savage was counted out, carrying Liz back to the dressing room. The challenge was then made for an October 7th return.

Expect much the same around the country.

## Blast From The Past

WRESTLING TODAY IN PERSPECTIVE WITH THE PAST

by: HOWDY DOODY

## Twenty - five years ago...

One of the great wrestling stars back in 1963 was the 'Mormon Giant' DON LEO JONATHON. The first time I saw him wrestle, in the late 50's, he was tagging with his father, 'Brother' JONATHON. This giant of a man was very quick and agile for his size. He also used the martial arts which he learned on his many tours of the Orient. He was what I call a Transition wrestler, one area he was a good guy - another area bad. I remember his many battle with GENE KINISKI - these were real classics! They later teamed to become Canadian tag team champions and probally one of the best tag teams of all time. Don Leo, now retired from the ring, is presently a deep sea diver for a salvage company in Vancouver.

Also at this time 25 years ago, ED CARPENTIER, the Canadian champion, was nearly killed in an auto accident... Football star ERNIE LADD, 6'9", 321 pounds was breaking into wrestling... VINCE MCMAHON SR introduced BOBO BRAZIL to the New York area, where he became an overnight sensation. Bobo can still be found occasionally wrestling in the Detroit area!... 'til next time, Adios...

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

IF TED TURNER were to buy the NWA, DUSTY RHODES would be out as booker. Rhodes would likely go to World Class... GIANT GUSTAV appears WWF bound, after being in Hulk's movie...

NORD THE BARBARIAN might resurface in the wrestling world, as his family's car business has gone bankrupt...

The World Class region may be merging with the AWA to form one solid group. It makes sense financially and promotionally...

## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

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| Oct 7 | WWF Cornwall |
| Oct 9 | WWF Toronto |
| Oct 16 | ICW Owen Sound |
| Oct 17 | ICW Lindsay |
| Oct 19 | ICW Brampton |

The Wrestling Report will be out to the show October 19th. Make an effort to join us at the matches!!

ICW

## INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

JUMPIN' JOE SAVOLDI beat MOONDOG SPIKE to win the ICW Heavyweight title August 19th in Maine... Savoldi & VIC STEAMBOAT hold the ICW tag belts. They beat Moondog Spike and DUNGEON MASTER for those belts... Moondog Spike is one of the originals, and was a frequent tag team partner of the late MOONDOG MAYNE... The ICW is seen on the Tempo Network which can be picked up on satellite... Newcomers to the area are STEVE GATORWOLF, CACTUS JACK FOLEY, the SUPER DESTROYERS and CARLOS MATTIAS... Gone are TOM BRANDI, IRON SHIEK, KING MIKE KAHLUA, COUSIN LUKE and CHEETAH KID... THE DUKE is a manager in the area. He has in his stable the Dungeon Master and Moondog Spike... Junior champ ERIC SBRACCHIA is feuding with CHRIS 'the Edge' EVANS... The ICW will be coming back to Ontario in October with all their stars. TONY ATLAS will main event lumberjack matches against the Dungeon Master... In other matches on the Ontario tour, Joe Savoldi, Vic Steamboat and GIANT GUSTAV will take on the SUPER DESTROYERS and BOSTON BAD BOY... Ladies champ HEIDI LEE MORGAN will take on the WHIP WOMAN...

WORLD CLASS

JERRY LAWLER's AWA title and KERRY VON ERICH's World Class title have been held up following a great brawl. The match to decide the champion will be held in October at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. Expect more people and a better show than last year... MICHAEL HAYES & STEVE COX beat the SAMOAN SWAT TEAM to win the World Class tag team titles. The SST had beaten KEVIN & KERRY VON ERICH for the titles... KENDALL WINDHAM is new to the area and recently won the Texas title. As of press, we are unsure if he actually beat ICEMAN PARSONS or if it was a phantom title change. Windham is feuding with lightheavyweight champ ERIC EMBRY... Gone are JOHN TATUM, JACK VICTORY and the SIMPSONS... A new team in the area is KENDO NAGASAKI and the SUPER BLACK NINJA ( KEIJI MUTOH )... VINCE APOLLO has returned to the area as a good guy... The entire region has been picking up pace. Co-promotions are a corner-stone to their future. They have a big show December 13th planned with the AWA and CWA in Chicago. This could be their chance to recapture past glory...

STAMPEDE WRESTLING

MAKHAN SINGH has left / been suspended, leaving the area without a North American champion. He is on a South African tour..... STEVE DISALVO has turned good following many silly skits involving announcer ED WHALEN. It came about with a run-in at a JASON THE TERRIBLE vs Makhan match. He is now 'friends' with Jason. Since then, DiSalvo has left on a European tour... CHRIS BENOIT & LANCE IDLE ( who looks like BUDDY ROBERTS to me ) are challenging for the International tag team titles held by the CUBAN COMMANDOS.. Commonwealth champ JOHNNY SMITH has been fighting BRUCE HART and BIFF WELLINGTON... BRIAN PILLMAN has left to Continental... This region is desperately in need of changes - BIG changes. Their show is very boring and they have no new blood to make anything exciting. ( One can only take so much Bruce Hart! )...

TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

BIG JOHN TENTA has returned to the area ( meaning that he's home on vacation from Japan ). Upon arrival, he was awarded the UWA title by forfeit, as SWEET DADDY SAMPSON refused to face him... MICHELLE STARR broke a bottle over the FROG's head. Maybe you can tell that Froggie's the promoter's son, as they shoved the hit over six times in two minutes, in an attempt to get him over.. Newcomer BLACK RAIDEN is one of the best I've seen in a while from Tomko. He has very good ring presence and skills... On the other hand, BUZZ GROGAN, new tag partner to the Frog, is really bad... The JONATHON SAYERS BODY BEAUTIFUL COURSE, as described by announcer ED KARL, is "lots of beer and pizza"... Where do I sign up?...

OTHER NEWS

EDDIE GILBERT, one of the hottest men in the business right now, has left the CWF, an area of which he was booker. Along with PAUL E DANGEROUSLY and MISSY HYATT, Gilbert is looking to set up shop in established region, such as the NWA...

DUSTIN RHODES, son of DUSTY RHODES, has begun wrestling in Florida...

FLASH

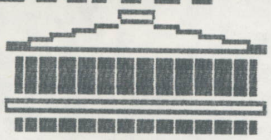
BAM BAM BIGELOW & OLIVER HUMPERDINK in NWA....

TERRY TAYLOR will be 'Little Red Rooster'...

ARN ANDERSON & TULLY BLANCHARD to be 'BrainBusters' ???....

# NWA DETROIT SEPTEMBER 4, 1988

## COBO ARENA



Was Detroit ready for Lex Luger's opportunity to wrest the NWA World Title from Ric Flair? Or would the show be a post-Bash bore? Well, we ventured on down to find out - and it was well worth it.

The crowd was a little bigger than the Bash crowd. I'd say about 8,000.

The opener had RON SIMMONS vs RIP MORGAN. Morgan did the screaming and ref beating, but Simmons got the win. Ron was over pretty good in Detroit and he is getting better in the ring. ( *1/2 )

Up next, RICK STEINER took on ITALIAN STALLION. Steiner was VERY well received by the crowd, as he is from Detroit. He played it face and took the match. ( ** )

The FANTASTICS & BRAD ARMSTRONG vs SHEEPHERDERS & MIKE ROTUNDO was a great match, with Rotundo having his problems with the Sheeps. Armstrong sure looks good when they give him the chance. Some of the most exciting hot tags I've ever seen. Fantastics & Bad Brad win in a wild one. ( ***1/2 )

Intermission dealt with trying to find all the people I promised to meet there.

The Russian music began, and out came IVAN KOLOFF, with PAUL JONES & ASSASSIN SHELDON to take on STEVE WILLIAMS. Williams took a beating but scored the win when Assassin 'accidently' hit Ivan. Argument followed, but with nothing coming about. The best part of this one was Williams climbing the ropes, turning around and jumping. Scary to see the big man do it. ( **1/2 )

BARRY WINDHAM took on STING in an unbelievable match. Both looked great, and put on an exciting show. Last time we saw Windham, at the Bash, he had been injured in the Washington Tower of Doom, so it was great to see him put out this time. TOMMY YOUNG disqualified Sting for hitting him, giving the match to Windham. Of course, before the decision was announced, another referee had made the count. The crowd was understandibly upset. ( **** )

Intermission two was upon us, with DUSTY RHODES and DICK MURDOCH taking on LARRY ZBYSZKO & KEVIN SULLIVAN. No showing was the original SHIEK who was to be in this rematch. Really boring match. Zbyszko was pinned. ( * )

The best match of the night was a DDQ between the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS and ARN ANDERSON & TULLY BLANCHARD. JJ DILLON had the quote of the night, speaking to JIM CORNETTE : "Cornette, you're the only man I know who carries a tennis racket, but had no balls!" The Midnights were solidly cheered, with Cornette basking in his new found fame. Action from start to finish, from the ring to the aisle. ( ***** )

On next was the confrontation between NWA Champion RIC FLAIR and challenger LEX LUGER. Another solid, exciting match. Luger is looking better and better all the time ( When you work with the best... ). He does have to learn when to flex his muscles though. A few times, he started to flex, just as Flair was ready to do a move. Ref Tom Young was knocked out by Flair in the backbreaker. ( ****1/2 )

Quite simply, the best card I have ever been to and unfortunately, maybe the last NWA show we'll ever get to live.

## SUPERSTARS OF WRESTLING Puts London To Sleep

SEPTEMBER 15, 1988

By: Becky Brown Between children wondering where Jake 'the Snake' was, and a show off fan cutting up innocent kids, the action at this year's Western Fair was satisfactory. Everything required to 'draw heat' was evident - bad guys with illegal weapons, midgets and referee assaults.

The worst match was JOHNNY K-9 against JOHNNY VALIANT. I've never seen such a sad exhibition of wrestling skills ( or lack thereof! ). On the other hand, the crowd really showed their appreciation for the artful display put on by midget LITTLE WOLF ( Frenchy Lamont ) and FARMER PETE. They had the crowd in their hands.

Attendance, like other years, fluctuated throughout the show, peaking at a very high 10,000 people, filling the grandstand. Of course, most were just curious people getting in free with their admission to the Western Fair.

The main event was the biggest disappointment of the evening. Very little effort was put forward by either the IRON SHIEK or TONY ATLAS. Tony actually tried to sing 'O CANADA' ( Not a good way to work a crowd! ). The night's highlight came, not to the familiar chant of 'USA! USA!' but in the very applicable chant of 'JUST SAY NO' to the Iron Shiek.

Subscriber TERRY DART sums it up best - 'I fell asleep in one match.'

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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Randy Savage
WWF Tag – Demolition
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U.S. – Barry Windham
U.S. Tag – Title Vacant
AWA – Jerry Lawler
AWA Tag – Diamond & Tanaka
AWA TV – Ron Garvin
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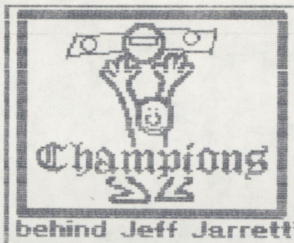



## Jeff Jarrett

**World Class Lightheavyweight Champion**

The important story behind Jeff Jarrett's World Class Light – Heavyweight title win is not the match, but the promotional work involved in the win. World Class and the CWA have further cemented their working agreement by allowing Jeff Jarrett, Memphis' No.1 babyface, to wrestle and win the title October 15th from Eric Embry at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. Jarrett now becomes yet another of the numerous wrestlers travelling from the two promotions.

The light heavyweight title suits Jeff Jarrett fine. No one can question his ability or heart, but his size does take away from his total package. Jarrett is believable wrestling ( and beating ) guys his size.

Good job Jeff, World Class and CWA!

## EDITORIAL

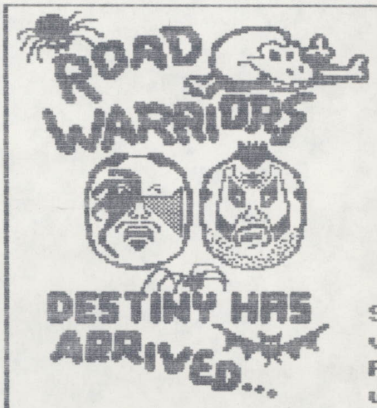
NOVEMBER 1988
by: Greg Oliver

**DETERMINING A PURPOSE**

Have you determined a reason for the existence of the WR? If you ever do, please let me know. I still wonder why I'm doing this work... What do you get out of the WR? Anything worthwhile?

This issue was very hard to put together, and this column probally shows that. After returning from Memphis, I was wrestling exhausted. I don't know how some editors put their bulletin out so soon after the convention. I also had a deadline to meet this issue, that wasn't met. So this may not get to you as soon as I would have liked.

I was also thrown in a shock seeing my name in the WRESTLING OBSERVER NEWSLETTER, THE news bulletin in wrestling. It was Dave Meltzer who pegged us Canadian Wrestling Report. It may catch, except for the old letterhead pages all over the house...




Keep your children inside. Lock the door. Turn out the lights. Stop making cookies. HAWK & ANIMAL, the apocalyptic ROAD WARRIORS, have turned bad. STING was the victim, as the Roadies no longer wanted him as a partner during a six man match against the VARSITY CLUB.

Many would agree that it is about time the Road Warriors were turned bad. They just were not over the way wrestlers their size and their ability should be. This can be attached to many things, most noteworthy being DUSTY RHODES' insistence on being their regular tag team partner.

Now what for the Warriors? Certainly the NWA tag belts will fall into their grasp. MIDNIGHT EXPRESS are a past tense.A feud with Sting & LEX LUGER looms promisingly. But in the end, it is very likely the fans will still cheer them, as in their AWA days. Especially if they are against the behemoth team of Rhodes and BAM BAM BIGELOW.

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## NWA PRO WRESTLING

THE ROAD WARRIORS have turned bad. They turned on STING during a six man tag match against the VARSITY CLUB. Sting did a stretcher job and has enlisted LEX LUGER in getting revenge. The Roadies should win the NWA tag team titles from the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS any day now. The main challenge for their belts will be DUSTY RHODES and new 'super partner' BAM BAM BIGELOW... EDDIE GILBERT has returned to the NWA as a good guy and friend to JIMMY GARVIN. MISSY HYATT has yet to appear... but wouldn't it be great to have a battle of valets at ringside while they both cheer for the same team?... THE ORIGINAL MIDNIGHT EXPRESS, RANDY ROSE & DENNIS CONDREY and PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY have signed to come the NWA. They'll feud with the current Midnights STAN LANE & BOBBY EATON, with JIM CORNETTE. Sounds like a great feud to me... ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER should be in for a while as a member of GARY HART's stable. What a team, AL PEREZ & ABDULLAH.. The SHEEPHERDERS should win the US tag tournament to give their existence some sort of meaning... The sale to TED TURNER has apparently gone through with Turner taking over in November. This may not be true, but is certainly a good story... Starrcade '88 will be held December 26th... They will hold a Battle Star week during the Thanksgiving season... BRAD ARMSTRONG has left... RICK STEINER will soon be replaced in the Varsity Club by STEVE WILLIAMS...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

THE SURVIVOR SERIES are approaching and do not look anywhere near as exciting as last year. The co-captain idea is okay, especially as the main event will likely see one less captain leave than enter... My guess at the moment, is RANDY SAVAGE turning bad. Too bad, he was doing great as a good guy. But the WWF simply has too much invested in HULK HOGAN to turn him bad, yet... TERRY TAYLOR looks really good as the RED ROOSTER. It is a great set up for him to turn good against HEENAN's stable... THE POWERS OF PAIN are very upset about their lack of a push. WARLORD has missed many recent dates... The Survivor Series lineup will under go many changes, as JUNKYARD DOG and DON MURACO have been dismissed... Hogan was attacked by BIG BOSS MAN and SLICK on a recent BROTHER LOVE segment. Isn't about time they ran some angles during his show... RICK RUDE will likely feud with TITO SANTANA, as JAKE ROBERTS is now feuding with ANDRE THE GIANT... HARLEY RACE will be coming back. Will he challenge for the throne?... TED DIBIASE has been getting the wins against HERCULES, while VIRGIL takes the losses... CURT HENNIG has issued challenges to RANDY SAVAGE. I can't wait...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

CHRIS BENOIT & LANCE IDOL beat the CUBAN COMMANDOS, JERRY MORROW & CUBAN ASSASSIN to win the International tag team titles on October 7 in Calgary. Benoit & Idol make a good team and should hold the titles for a while, as the Commandos are the only other regular team in the area. Benoit also has a history of not keeping his tag team partners... BIFF WELLINGTON beat JOHNNY SMITH in a great hair vs hair match. The ending saw Smith call upon KARACHI VICE to make the save and shave Wellington's head bald. It was the best match I've seen out of Calgary since OWEN HART left... HUSTLER RIP ROGERS will be returning to the area, as will former North American champion LEO BURKE... JASON THE TERRIBLE has made amends with former enemy STEVE DISALVO... A whole new crop of rookies can be seen on the current circuit. No one notable yet...

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

SWEET DADDY SAMPSON, who is currently believed to be the UWA champ, has turned good following an attack by former partner MICHELLE STARR and manager JONATHON SAYERS... THOR, who is OLE OLSON in a wig, has the Canadian title... DIRTY DAN DENTON, the only reason to ever watch this show, has lost a loser leave town match to THE FROG when Sayers 'accidently' hit Denton with the famous silver suitcase... That suitcase was also a factor when Sampson beat the Frog to retain the UWA title... IVAN GORKI has returned to the area... OZARK MARTIN is a new country boy... A new manager is in the area and has made inferences to the 'other' federations. Can you imagine Tomko bad mouthing other promotions???...


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## Rasslin' Results

**NWA WINNIPEG**
**SEPTEMBER 30, 1988**

Lex Luger beat Ric Flair by DQ... Sting DDQ Barry Windham... Midnight Express beat Sheepherders... Fantastics beat Larry Zbyszko & Rick Steiner... Mike Rotundo beat Italian Stallion... Ivan & Nikita Koloff beat Russian Assassins by DQ... Rip Morgan beat Masked Invader...

**NWA BRANDON, MAN. OCTOBER 1st**

Sting & Lex Luger beat Ric Flair & Barry Windham by DQ... Midnight Express beat Fantastics...Nikita Koloff beat R.Assassin #2 by DQ... Rick Steiner beat Larry Zbyszko... Ivan Koloff beat R. Assassin #1... Sheepherders beat Ron Ritchie & Bill Cody... Mike Rotundo beat Italian Stallion..

**WWF TORONTO OCTOBER 9, 1988**

Randy Savage COR Dino Bravo... Ultimate Warrior beat Honkytonk Man by DQ... Bad News Brown beat Koko B.Ware... King Haku beat Hillbilly Jim... Blue Blazer beat Steve Lombardi... Scott Casey beat Richard Charland... B.Brian Blair beat Mike Sharpe... Hart Foundation beat Rougeaus.

**WWF AUBURN HILLS ( DETROIT )**
**OCTOBER 21, 1988**

Randy Savage beat King Haku... Ultimate Warrior beat Honkytonk Man by DQ... Hacksaw Duggan COR Dino Bravo... Ted DiBiase beat Hercules... Rockers beat Conquistadors... Blue Blazer beat Steve Lombardi...

**WWF TORONTO OCTOBER 23, 1988**

Randy Savage beat Dino Bravo... Brutus Beefcake beat Ron Bass... Ted DiBiase beat Hacksaw Duggan by countout... Red Rooster beat Paul Roma... Rockers beat Conquistadors... Curt Hennig beat Scott Casey... Danny Davis beat Sam Houston... Big Boss Man beat Ken Patera...

## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

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| Nov 6 | WWF Toronto | |
| Nov 20 | WWF Toronto | |
| Nov 21 | WWF Kitchener | *** |
| Nov 22 | WWF Oshawa | |
| Nov 23 | WWF Kingston | |
| Dec 29 | UCWA London | |

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## PLUGS

AN EFFORT TO RETURN SOMETHING TO THE WRESTLING WORLD

The following advertisements have been granted by the editor. All the products are recommended - but don't forget about the WR!

### THE PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING TRIVIA BOOK

Robert Myers and Popular Technology have come out with a trivia book on pro wrestling. The book is divided up into questions on 'Heroes and Villains', 'Tag Teams', 'Legends of the Past', and 'Women, Blacks and Midgets.'

Some of the questions are silly and others are quite challenging. The trivia on the past was for me, much more interesting. Overall, the book is worth the $7.95 cover charge.

It should be available at most book-stores in Canada, but can be ordered for $7.95 U.S. plus $2.50 postage from Branden Publishing Company
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## Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

From Baltimore, MD October 29, 1988

Hulk Hogan beat King Haku to end basically any feud these two had. Elizabeth was in Hulk's corner...???

Demolition beat Hart Foundation when Rougeaus threw megaphone to Demo. Okay match. Hart was pinned.

Big Boss Man beat Jim Powers. BBM cries for Hulkster throughout match...

Dino Bravo beat Ken Patera. Useless, useless, useless...

Jake Roberts beat Rick Rude by DQ when Bobby Heenan interfered after a DDT. Both guys tried. Cheryl slapped Rude's face. A feud was set up between Roberts and Andre the Giant. The Giant attacked when Heenan called, but 'passed out' in shock when Damien was brought in... Funny, but totally unbelievable... Heenan was hilarious trying to revive Andre...

MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

The exciting co-promotional work between the CWA, AWA and WCCW makes it difficult to talk about one promotion without the other... Apparently, at least in Memphis, JERRY LAWLER has beaten KERRY VON ERICH in a cage match to unify the World Class and AWA titles. JEFF JARRETT slammed the cage door in Kerry's face to get the victory for Lawler... This is all part of a promotional war they set up with World Class wrestlers fighting CWA guys. Such was the case when KERRY & KEVIN VON ERICH, STEVE COX and promoter FRANK DUSEK beat Lawler, Jarrett, BILL DUNDEE and promoter EDDIE MARLIN in Memphis... Another example is JEFF JARRETT winning the World Class Lightheavyweight title from ERIC EMBRY... BILL DUNDEE & TODD MORTON ( no relation to RICKY MORTON, though looking at them both, you'd swear they're brother ) are feuding with the ROCK'N'ROLL RPMs... SID VICIOUS is a new wrestler. He was LORD HUMONGOUS in Continental... BRICKHOUSE BROWN, Jeff Jarrett and JIMMY VALIANT continue to battle the STUD STABLE...

## AWA NEWS

JERRY LAWLER took on AWA TV champ RON GARVIN in a match in Memphis... SuperClash III is ready to go... The line up has tentatively been announced, but is changing daily. They will certainly hold a a battle royale to use all the independent stars signed to work the show... THE TOP GUNS, RICKY RICE & JOHN PAUL are gone, but there is talk of replacing them... SGT SLAUGHTER & GREG GAGNE recently teamed up again to battle the evil of SOLDAT USTINOV & TIEJHO KHAN... One of the best matches on the AWA show in recent memory had JIMMY VALIANT, BILL DUNDEE & JEFF JARRETT battle ROBERT FULLER, JIMMY GOLDEN & TOMMY RICH.. Lets hope they keep up the TV tapings at arenas, not the vacant Showboat... THE GUERREROS & ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS continue to challenge BADD COMPANY for the AWA tag titles... MADUSA MACHELLI has been following the trend and defending her title around the country against numerous challengers...

## WORLD CLASS

The annual Cotton Bowl show on October 15th did well for this region, but not as well as hoped... In the main event KERRY VON ERICH battled JERRY LAWLER to yet another inconclusive finish... Also on the card, BLACKJACK MULLIGAN returned to the ring to team with BILL IRWIN to defeat JIMMY JACK FUNK & BLACK BART... ERIC EMBRY lost the lightheavyweight title to JEFF JARRETT and has now become somewhat of a good guy... KEVIN VON ERICH appears in very bad shape... They are bringing in POWW girls to help boost attendance... The MICHAEL HAYES & STEVE COX vs SAMOAN SWAT TEAM continues to be the best thing going. Cox is improving while the SST keeps getting more and more impressive. The titles have become hot potatoes... KENDALL WINDHAM has been involved in many of the angles the promotion is running. Unfortunately, he is not believable doing anything else but lying on his back...

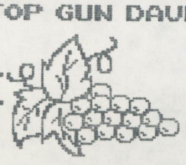
## ICW INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

The ICW tour of Ontario went fine, but certainly couldn't be called a success. Promotional and personel changes almost brought the shows to an end. There are plans to come back in December... Numerous stars have left and / or been fired... To promote the locals, JOHNNY K-9, MAD DOG REX and CHICO FERNANDEZ have all been given a chance to make the regular ICW circuit. All three have potential but lack the size to ever make it big... LORD JONATHON BOYD has begun wrestling again and will serve as booker of the ICW while challenging JOE SAVOLDI...

## OTHER NEWS

The CWF suffered a huge blow, losing many wrestlers when booker EDDIE GILBERT walked out... TOM PRITCHARD won the tournament for CWF title... BRAD ARMSTRONG is new to the CWF, and will be getting a push as his dad, BOB ARMSTRONG is the booker... The UCWA plans a show for the Thompson Arena in London on December 29th with a cage match between CHUCK SIMMS and PAT BRADY... RODDY PIPER's movie 'They Live' should be out by the time you read this... RIC FLAIR defended his NWA title in the Pacific Northwest against TOP GUN DAVE SIERRA...

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...



BRITISH BULLDOGS leaving WWF? Unrest has caused rumours of the Dogs returning to family in Calgary to wrestle and possibly run Stampede... LARRY ZBYSZKO may be headed to the AWA and World Class as he just married a GAGNE...

*something great in*

**Memphis**

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**October 7-11, 1988**

# I Was There

It took a summer's worth of work and a whole lot of conning on my part to convince Mom that I should go. And let me tell you, all that begging and pleading was worth it! For five days, I was in Memphis Tennessee for the UAWF wrestling convention. The get together was also attended by a few other Wrestling Report subscribers.

The UAWF ( United Association of Wrestling Fans ) is an organisation dedicated to the loony show we call pro wrestling. They put forth a quarterly magazine and organize an annual convention. This is the first year of existence for the UAWF. To become a member, and get the dibs on next year's convention, send $15.00 U.S. to U.A.W.F. P.O.Box 215 Galesburg, IL USA 61402-0215. It is worth every penny! Order today! And now to convince you why... The Convention.

I arrived on Friday and met all of the people I had corresponded with or read about over the last four years. All the newsletter guys were there, seven of us in total. Boy, we sure are a funny breed...

Saturday morning we all got psyched up for the almost live CWA television tapings. The CWA, based in Memphis, is headed by promoter Eddie Marlin. Its top star and booker is current AWA World Champion Jerry 'the King' Lawler. Each Saturday, they tape 90 minutes worth of wrestling. Those 90 min. go out live to Memphis and the surrounding area. The rest of the time is used for the FNN ( Financial News Network) show. The CWA promotes every Monday night in Memphis, and during the week, hits the rest of Tennessee and Arkansas. The CWA is a solid promotion with a solid local following.

The taping was fun, with the UAWF being announced on the air. By request of the promotion, we had to cheer the 'good guys' and boo the 'bad guys.' The best match of the taping was Jeff Jarrett & Brickhouse Brown against Cactus Jack Foley and Jimmy Golden. It resulted in a wild braul. We also suffered through Robert Fuller's traditional ten interviews per show.

Saturday night, there was a trivia contest, in which I gracefully bowed out in the first round. Like all trivia contests, I knew the answers to all the other questions, except the one they asked me...

Sunday, we did the tour thing. Graceland. The Mississippi River. And the backstreets of Memphis courtesy of the driver. That afternoon, the convention was graced with the presence of such notable wrestling stars as Lou Thesz, Al Costello, Eddie Gilbert, Missy Hyatt and Paul E. Dangerously for a press conference. We asked questions, they answered. This was a great experience, as the questions weren't "What is your favorite colour?", but "What do you think of wrestling today?"

The Ring of Immortals banquet Sunday involved the first ever UAWF awards. All of the awards were deserved. It sure would be nice for the Postal Service to get the UAWF news here in time for me to vote.

Sunday night, the extra festivities, certainly provide an entertaining story.

Monday night was the big show at the Mid-South Colesium. The feature was a CWA vs World Class match with Jerry Lawler, Jeff Jarrett, Bill Dundee and Eddie Marlin against Kerry & Kevin Von Erich, Steve Cox & Frank Dusek. This match was a lot of fun, entertaining and understandibly hard to follow. The results of the card are in the newspaper write-up.

The UAWF Convention was the greatest wrestling experience for me so far in my life. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success.

"Payback time..."

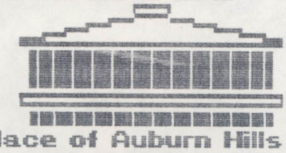
And now to use notable quotes from the last month to rebutt the abuse we Canadians took down in Memphis. First from Jim Cornette: "People in this country seem to have a prejudice against great athletes from other nations. For example, everybody got on Ben Johnson's case even though when they stripped Ben Johnson of the gold medal, he said, "Hey man, I didn't take no sterios." Now, by the same token, they didn't say anything to Florence Griffith Joyner - and she needs a shave better than Bruce Willis!"

Second, from Toronto Blue Jays VP Pat Gillick, in regards to the World Champion Los Angeles Dodgers. "They remind me of the WWF, with all the high fives, hugs and kisses. Plenty of theatrics. And Tommy Lasorda is Bobby (the Brain) Heenan."

**WRESTLING:** The Texas team of **Kevin** and **Kerry Von Erich**, **Steve Cox** and **Frank Dusek** beat the Tennessee squad of **Jerry Lawler**, **Jeff Jarrett**, **Bill Dundee** and **Eddie Marlin** at the Mid-South Coliseum Monday night. In other matches, World Class light heavyweight champ **Eric Embry** beat **Bill Justin**; **Jimmy Valiant** beat **Tommy Rich**; Jarrett and **Brickhouse Brown** beat **Robert Fuller** and **Jimmy Golden** by disqualification; the **Rock and Roll RPM's** beat Dundee and **Todd Morton**; **Phil Hickerson** and **Daryll Justin**; **Cactus Jack** and **Gary Young** beat **Cat Garrett** and **Allen Reynolds**; and **Scott Steiner** beat **Terry Adonis**.

# NWA DETROIT OCTOBER 21, 1988

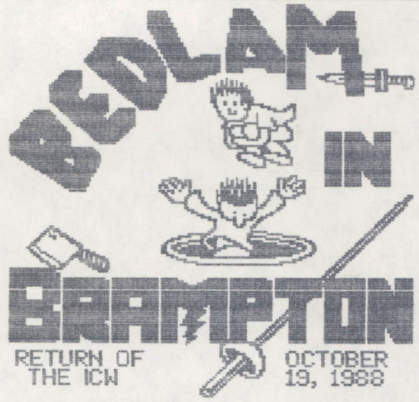
## COBO ARENA



The NWA returned to Detroit with a highly disappointing show that drew around 1,300 fans. A lack of advertising, due to the cancellation of the afternoon TV show, and a WWF show that night at the Palace of Auburn Hills killed the show. The WWF show had 2,100.

The opener saw the SHEEPHERDERS beat RON SIMMONS & TONY SCOTT. ( 1/2 * ). Next, the FANTASTICS beat LARRY ZBYSKZO & RIP MORGAN. Good, entertaining work by everyone but Morgan. ( * ) ... MIKE ROTUNDO beat ITALIAN STALLION in 10:44 to retain NWA TV title. Good match, but RICK STEINER stole show at ringside, leading 'Syracuse Sucks!' Steiner even threw his ear protectors at Rotundo. ( * ) ... EDDIE GILBERT beat KEVIN SULLIVAN by reverse decision. Referee found spike that Sullivan used to get pin. Surprising to see clean pin. Steiner found the spike and chased Sullivan around jokingly. ( * ) ... Next, they had a coin toss to determine who would face RIC FLAIR - STING or LUGER, as BARRY WINDHAM did not show up. Sting won the toss ... The NWA Tag belts were on the line as the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS went to a double DQ with the ROAD WARRIORS. A very tentative match, as the Roadies turn had taken place, but had yet to be on TV. Neither team seemed to know quite how to play it out. ( * ) ... IVAN & NIKITA KOLOFF beat the RUSSIAN ASSASSINS when Ivan scored a pin on one of the Assassins. Ending was exciting with Nikita chasing PAUL JONES around ringside. A good brawl. ( 1/2 * )

The main event saw STING with Lex Luger in his corner, beat RIC FLAIR by DQ in 21:02. The same match we saw in Detroit in April. Sting came to ring with neck brace. A fan made a run-in during match ( about the only change from April ). A below average match on a below average night. ( ** ). The NWA has no plans to run Detroit again until at least March. Detroit just is not a wrestling town anymore.




The ICW ( International Championship Wrestling ) returned to Canada in October with three shows. The biggest of which, a television taping, took place in Brampton, Ontario at the Century Gardens.

Like all independents, the show started late. That was fine, as many of us going had trouble finding the Gardens. Ticket prices were high for an indy - $10.50 at the door, $7.00 for children. The night drew about 250 people, if you include all the people who got in free. The two announcers who tried to get the crowd riled up simply defy description. Some may remember ARIN WEISS, the young horror from MILT AVRUSKIN's AWA show - he was one of the announcers... Lose the braces, kid...

The opener saw STEVE GATORWOLF defeat SLEDGEHAMMER in a sleeper. ( 1/2 * ) ... Next JOHNNY K-9 got the show moving with his usual antics. He beat the JAMAICAIN KID. ( * 1/2 )... The ICW tag champs VIC STEAMBOAT and JOE SAVOLDI defended against LOU FABIANO and TEDDY BROWN. A TV squash. ( 3/4 * )... In a battle of locals, MAD DOG REX beat BIG MAC. ( 3/4 * ) ... The silliest moment of the night was the WHIP WOMAN turning good following her loss to HEIDI LEE MORGAN. She lost the match, and the DUNGEON MASTER came in to scold her. Savoldi & Steamboat made the save. ( 1/2 * for match ... - 1/2 for turn )... The advertised main event saw TONY ATLAS beat DUNGEON MASTER by DQ in lumberjack match. The lumberjacks and the stars brawled in the stands and in the ring. John K-9 interfered for the DQ. Atlas slept-walked through it. ( DUD for match + 1/2 * for K-9 interference ) ... In a decent match, CARLOS MATTHIAS beat Junior champ ERIC SBRACCHIA by referee's decision. The end had something to do with Matthias' foot being under the ropes. Sbracchia looks real good, probally the best worker on the card. ( ** ) ... John K-9 returned to beat Steve Gatorwolf in the best of the night. A chain was used for the win with Gatorwolf being busted open. ( ** + * for K-9 insults ) ... The final saw GIANT GUSTAV, Savoldi & Steamboat beat the SUPER DESTROYERS & a different BOSTON BAD BOY than last time. Exciting but nothing spectacular. The S & S Express seem to be really high on themselves. ( * 1/2 )

A good return for the ICW. Next comes TV ( Hopefully! ) In Brampton, some say it wasn't the ICW, but the JOHNNY K-9 Experience....

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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Randy Savage
WWF Tag – Demolition
I-C – Ultimate Warrior
NWA – Ric Flair
NWA Tag – Road Warriors
NWA TV – Mike Rotundo
U.S. – Barry Windham
U.S. Tag – Title Vacant
AWA – Jerry Lawler
AWA Tag – Diamond & Tanaka
World Class – Kerry Von Erich
World Class Tag – Samoan Swat Team
Texas – Iceman Parsons
CWA – Phil Hickerson
North American – Makhan Singh
Int'l Tag – Cuban Commandos
Commonwealth – Johnny Smith

## EDITORIAL

DECEMBER 1988
by: Greg Oliver

### SEASON'S BEATINGS

The holiday season is upon us again, and the wrestling world is abuzz. The NWA is having another Clash of the Champions, titled 'Season's Beatings', leading up to the December 26th PPV show. The AWA is ready for their co-promotional effort, also on PPV. And all promotions, major and small, are ready to run the traditional shows during the Christmas Break.

Around here, the WR is doing great. We are at a new high in subscriptions. Thanks to everyone. I've also gotten a few other writers, and sources. This will mean different views and opinions. We're trying to base our newsletter on Ontario news, and, until we get a few new sources, that's the way it is going to stay. Actually, before really covering the rest of Canada, it looks like Michigan is a good possibility. Think about helping us out next year!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

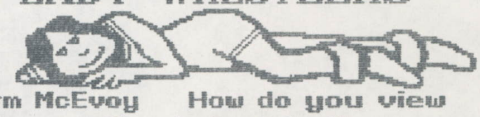
## ROCKIN' ROBIN

**WWF Ladies Champion**

Rockin' Robin defeated Sherri Martel on what was U.S. Election Day, November 8th. The match, in reality, took place in Paris, France in early October, not live as pegged by the WWF.

Rockin Robin Smith is the younger sister of Sam Houston and Jake Roberts. She has been wrestling for a little under two years now. Robin tries hard and has shown vast improvements wrestling Sherri Martel across the world. It could be a long or short title reign, but one thing is for sure, it will be a title reign minus any deserved television time.

## PLUS BEAUTIFUL LADY WRESTLERS



by Norm McEvoy How do you view women's wrestling today? Is it an embarassing side show featuring well built girls bouncing around in scanty costumes, showing little wrestling talent? Or do you feel that women's wrestling is an integral part of pro wrestling today?

The prevailing mood in North America today seems to be the bimbo style, led by the sickening GLOW, FLAIR and POWW shows. There are excellent lady wrestlers out there, citing Sherri Martel, Debbie Combs and Misty Blue Simms as some of the most well known.

At a recent show in Brampton, I was disgusted with the match between Heidi Lee Morgan and the Whip Woman, both with the poor quality of the match and with the post match antics. Adult ringsiders were encouraging the male wrestlers at ringside to attack and sexually abuse the ladies. No regard at all for the children in attendance.

This is what women's wrestling has come to. Let's wake up out there promoters. Take a look at Japan, where women's wrestling is as reverred as the male show. The women deserve a chance to show their talents, not just their goods!

## Rasslin' Results

WWF TORONTO
NOVEMBER 6, 1988

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One result this month. This is not good. I know that someone must have attended the WWF shows in Ottawa, Oshawa or Kingston last month. Please make an effort to write or call in the results. It will help to make us a more complete, enjoyable bulletin.

## Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

NOVEMBER 26th SACRAMENTO, CA

The Show Full of Questions

Andre the Giant DDQ Randy Savage

An okay match, considering Andre. Jake Roberts appeared during the match, provoking more comedic Snake plays. Andre escapes just in time... Is Andre going to play this act every time they wrestle?...

Ultimate Warrior demolished Super Ninja. Just what was the purpose to this match? I was expected some angle at least, but nothing at all. Not even Honkytonk in the suit. The match was just to get Warrior over even more as an unbeatable force.

Hacksaw Duggan beat Boris Zukhov in a Flag Match. Was there anyone who watched this who didn't think Duggan ( and the U.S.A. ) would win? Do us supporters of Meech Lake think it'll be any different when Hacksaw takes on Dino Bravo?

Brother Love and Slick then had a silly session with the Hulkster. Hulk again showed his power by beating them up. Boy, 'Hulk Rules', doesn't he!

Jacques & Raymond Rougeau then beat the Young Stallions in another pointless match. A bombshell was dropped by Jimmy Hart though, as he announced that the Rougeaus have bought an estate in Memphis. Hey, but I thought that the USA WAS NOT OKAY ? What gives?

The next SNME will be probally be on January 9th, 1989.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

WRESTLING TODAY IN PERSPECTIVE WITH THE PAST

by: HOWDY DOODY

### 25 years ago...

Back in 1963, former Canadian Heavyweight Champion FRTIZ VON ERICH was entering his 12th year in the biz. At 31 years old, he had already held the Canadian tag straps on three occasions with partners Gene Kiniski and Karl Von Schober. His wrestling roots date back to SMU in Dallas, where he was a three letter man in track, football, and wrestling. He also got a B.A. degree in business administration which would come in handy when he began promoting. In the ring, he destroyed opponents using his "FaceClaw", "Stomach Claw", and "Prussian Leap". Fritz was a success around the world during his long career.

Fritz's "brother", WALDO VON ERICH, wrestled out of Vancouver in the 60's as the "Great Zim," until he was unmasked. Together, they fabricated the Von Erich name, which continues successfully today.

In the winter of '63, the little people were in big demand. Canadians such as Sky Low Low and Dolly Darcel were big favorites with the fans. Low is still making them laugh today.

On the JACKIE GLEASON SHOW, Jackie, dubbed 'Sir Reginald Van Gleason III', teamed with ARNOLD SKOALAND to take on LOU ALBANO and SKULL MURPHY in a hillarious comedy wrestling skit. If you are lucky, you may catch it in a re-run...

I would like to wish the readers of the "Canadian" Wrestling Report a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. See you all next year... in 1964!

Adios.... Howdy.

## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

Dec 4 WWF Hamilton
Dec 26 WWF Toronto
Dec 26 WWF Kitchener ***

The UCWA show in London has been cancelled. They have other shows in the works, but none confirmed as of yet. If you're talking to me during the month, ask, as there just may be a show near you. It seems to be a dead month. The WWF show in Kitchener actually looks half decent. Remember, if you do go to any of these shows, how about a report? Let everyone know what you thought of the show!

## NWA PRO WRESTLING

TED TURNER is now the official owner of the NWA. He is currently 'taking inventory', figuring out what he has and what can be done... Already, the SHEEPHERDERS have been let go... THE ROAD WARRIORS won the NWA tag team titles from the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS October 29th in New Orleans... The Roadies have since moved on to feud with STING & LEX LUGER... RICK STEINER has finally turned fully against the VARSITY CLUB. MIKE ROTUNDO, STEVE WILLIAMS and KEVIN SULLIVAN attacked him following a match. The FANTASTICS made the save... A MIDNIGHT EXPRESS with PAUL E DANGEROUSLY against a MIDNIGHT EXPRESS with JIM CORNETTE feud has been set up and looks to be an unbelievable. The setup of the feud was very well done on WTBS. Too bad we don't get TBS up here without a satellite dish... STARCADE 88, set for December 26th, will feature the first of the Bunkhouse Stampedes, and tentatively RHODES & BIGELOW vs Roadies, FLAIR vs Luger ( Flair should keep the title ), WINDHAM vs STING ( Sting will finally get a title ) and a MIDNIGHTS match ( what fun that will be! )... The show will be on Pay Per View TV... The US tag team title final will be a part of an upcoming WTBS Clash of Champions. They seem to be really pushing EDDIE GILBERT & RON SIMMONS as a team, so maybe they'll win the straps... Look for AL PEREZ to turn good and feud with LARRY ZBYSZKO... ABDULLAH the BUTCHER has arrived...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

The SURVIVOR SERIES produced a few surprising results. HULK HOGAN & RANDY SAVAGE'S team won, with the tension between the two powers growing... The POWERS OF PAIN won their contest by switching over to the management of MR FUJI. This leaves DEMOLITION as totally unbelievable good guys... ANDRE THE GIANT's team beat JAKE ROBERTS' team, with Damien playing very little role... The ULTIMATE WARRIOR's team beat the HONKYTONK Man. On the heel side, BAD NEWS BROWN got into a scuffle with GREG VALENTINE... The WWF returned to Detroit with an interesting team of DINO BRAVO & the ROUGEAUS against the HART FOUNDATION & HACKSAW DUGGAN. Duggan pinned Jacques for the win... RONNIE GARVIN and TIM HORNER are new to the WWF... THE SHEEPHERDERS will be in soon as the BUSHWACKERS. No word on if they'll have a flagbearer, or if they'll be good or bad... ROCKIN ROBIN beat SHERRI MARTEL for the ladies title... HARLEY RACE has made an impressive return and will feud with KING HAKU... NIKOLAI VOLKOFF must be taking some well deserved time off, as BORIS ZUKHOV is being scheduled in singles matches... Numerous, lower level wrestlers have been let go...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

In exciting news, the BRITISH BULLDOGS, DYNAMITE KID & DAVEY BOY SMITH, will be returning to the area. This can add some much needed enthusiam to the area... The CUBAN COMMANDOS regained the International tag team belts when LANCE IDOL turned on partner CHRIS BENOIT during a championship match. The turn comes to no one's surprise and was very well done. Every week you expected him to turn, as each week he looked more and more like DAVID SHULTZ... BIFF WELLINGTON has returned from a tour of Japan and made a run-in during a JOHNNY SMITH match. Biff should win the Commonwealth title soon... STEVE DISALVO is feuding with HUSTLER RIP ROGERS... LEO BURKE has been making challenges to North American champ MAKHAN SINGH. Burke looks a little chubbier this time around... WAYNE GILLIS is a seasoned youngster who has been brought in as a protege of Burke... GOLDIE ROGERS' act continues to crack me up. He sure does great interviews, jack! Too bad he's too small to ever make it... KEVIN KELLY and VINNIE VALENTINO are hyped as coming in soon...

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

In a move that broke the hearts of hundreds, BIG JOHN TENTA has joined up with JONATHON SAYERS. It is about time they gave him a manager, as Tenta has negative personality... AL TOMKO has given up his title of commissioner to FRED ROSSELLI... When ED KARL missed a few shows, they replaced him with BERNIE PASQUALO. It's hard to believe that anyone is worse at announcing than Karl, but they found someone... THE THUMPER is a new manager... MORROW RENALDO will be wrestling midget COCONUT WILLIE... DORI SINGH is now being seconded by the SPIRITUAL MASTER... Tag champs IVAN GORKI & MICHELLE STARR recently attacked SWEET DADDY SAMPSON with the Russian flag. 'Where's Hacksaw when you need him?'...

MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

All the hype currently in the CWA / AWA / World Class is being directed towards SuperClash '88... JERRY LAWLER has defended his AWA title against KERRY VON ERICH ( of course! ), TATSUMI FUJINAMI, and WAHOO MCDANIEL... PHIL HICKERSON has defended his CWA title against DUTCH MANTELL, BRICKHOUSE BROWN and SCOTT STEINER... The CWA tag titles were held up following a match between the RPM's and BILL DUNDEE & TODD MORTON. A tournament was then held, with GARY YOUNG and CACTUS JACK FOLEY coming out the victors. Their victory led to them leaving the STUD STABLE with manager DOWNTOWN BRUNO... Foley & Young then lost the CWA tag titles to ROBERT FULLER & JIMMY GOLDEN... The Stud Stable now consists of Fuller, Golden, Phil Hickerson, SID VICIOUS, and MEAN MIKE MILLER. SYLVIA is the manager / valet... BRIAN LEE is an impressive newcomer... BRIAN ADAMS is also new to the area, as an American Ninja expert... BUDDY LANDELL, TOMMY RICH and JIMMY VALIANT continue to work occassional shows for this region...

## AWA NEWS

RON GARVIN has left the AWA for the WWF. The status of the TV title is up in the air at the moment. I'm looking for it to end up in the hands of GREG GAGNE in some mystery title change though... SOLDAT USTINOV & TIEJHO KHAN have left the region also... RICKY RICE & JOHN PAUL, the Top Guns, are expected back... LARRY 'the Butcher' CAMERON has started with the area. I've heard so much about this guy, it'll be nice to see him for once... MADUSA MACHELLI will not be wrestling for the AWA after SuperClash. Who do you give the ladies strap to though? Certainly not MAGNIFICENT MIMI... A KERRY VON ERICH vs COLONEL DEBEERS match saw some unusual surprises, as the ringside and television fans got to see Kerry's amputated foot when his boot came off. Another well guarded secret is revealed... STONEY BURKE has changed his style and is now being called the STINGER!... The expected buy rate for the December 13th Pay Per View show is very low. Basically, you could call it an expected bomb... The AWA has apparently scheduled an upcoming tour of Ontario. Hopefuly more news to follow on this story...

WORLD CLASS

JERRY JARRETT has bought 60% of the World Class promotion. This gives him controlling interest in the CWA and World Class, and a solid claim to the third biggest promotion in the world. KERRY & KEVIN VON ERICH each own 20%... The SAMOAN SWAT TEAM are, at the moment, World Class tag champs... ERIC EMBRY regained the lightheavyweight title from JEFF JARRETT... The entire promotion seems bent on pushing Kerry Von Erich into superstardom through contant hype of his upcoming title unification match with JERRY LAWLER. My money's on Kerry in this one... TERRY GORDY should be back soon... ICEMAN PARSONS appears headed towards a feud with Jeff Jarrett... Kevin Von Erich is feuding with the ninjas, SUPER BLACK NINJA and KENDO NAGASAKI... ERIC EMBRY is now a good guy and has been teaming with the Von Erichs...

ICW INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

Local ICW promoter CHRIS DRURY has had a falling out with the company and will begin promoting shows on an independent basis... The ICW itself does have plans to return to Ontario with WEISS PROMOTIONS. They are claiming to have numerous TV stations lined up, including TSN... I'll believe it when I see it...

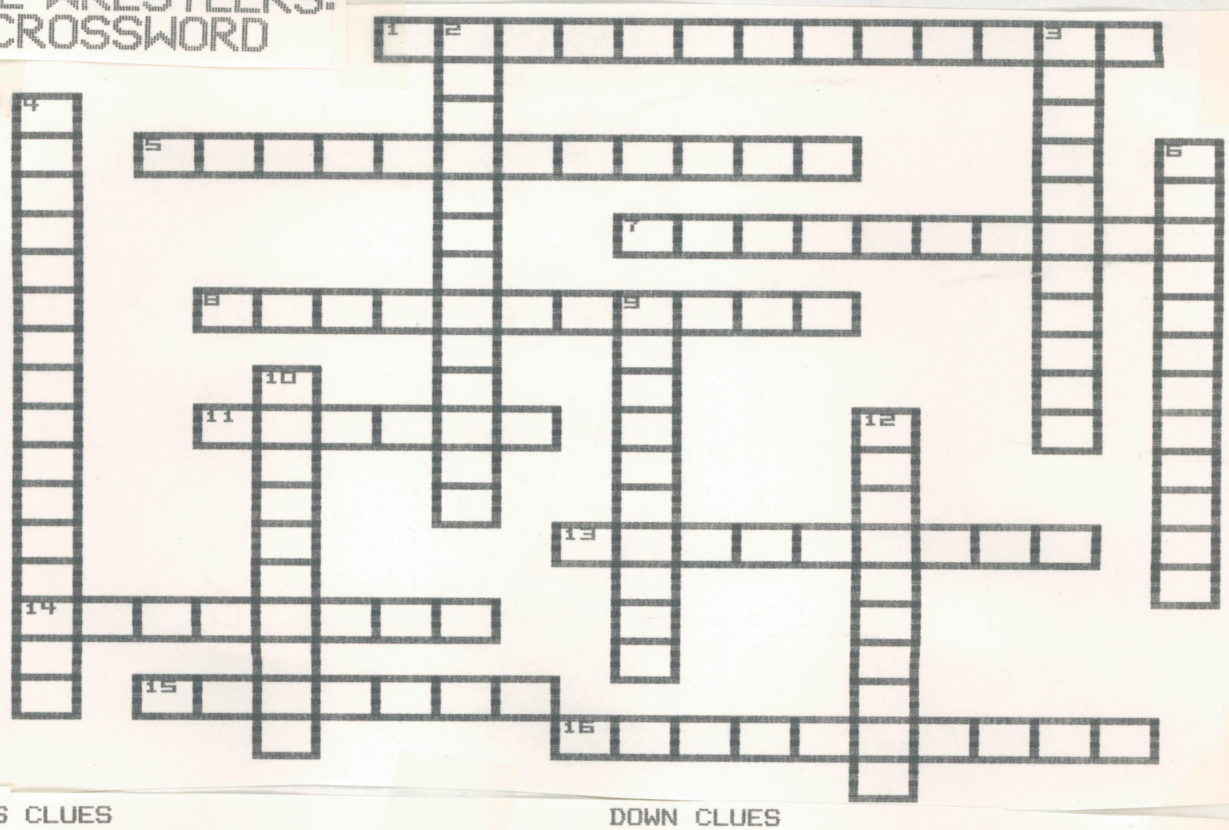
OTHER NEWS

I knew about it, but neglected to mention the death of Calgary legend, J.R.FOLEY a few months back. Foley was both a wrestler and a hated manager up until a few years ago... There will be UCWA shows this month around Southern Ontario. No dates as of yet, but call for any updated information if you're interested in an hour and a half drive from Toronto for a show...

I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

GREG VALENTINE can once again be said to be leaving the WWF... THE BRITISH BULLDOGS will be headed into Stampede. Expect them to buy into the promotion... Rumours continue to fly about JIM GARVIN leaving the NWA for World Class... THE JUNKYARD DOG also appears headed to Stampede. Won't that just perk up the show!... LANCE IDOL, currently in Calgary, once wrestled in Vancouver as STEVE AUSTIN and the STAR RIDER. Honest!... Someone wants to buy Tomko? Apparently, LEN DENTON and SANDY BARR of the Pacific Northwest region have expressed interest. My question is 'Why would anyone want to buy Tomko?'...

# LOCAL WRESTLERS: THE CROSSWORD



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11. RUGGED TEACHER AND WRESTLER SHARES NAME WITH A MACDONALD'S CHARACTER
13. ONCE WRESTLED HULK HOGAN IN POUGHSKEEPIE, NEW YORK
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16. IMPRESSIVE SUPERSTAR FROM CALIFORNIA...ONTARIO! A REAL PRETTY BOY

## DOWN CLUES

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3. RUNS A WRESTLING SCHOOL IN HAMILTON
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## LOCAL WRESTLERS: THE CROSSWORD AND THE FUTURE

**This crossword puzzle shouldn't be too tough if you're an avid reader of the Wrestling Report. It features many of the 'local stars', wrestlers from Ontario who have made a name for themselves on the regional or national level. This is the first 'introduction' of a column that I would like to do, entitled something like 'Local Scene', each month profiling a different local wrestler. It should be fun and educational too! If you have access to anyone who deserves coverage, please contact me. Thanks.**

# WWF KITCHENER NOVEMBER 21st

## THE "WE'LL SELL OUT THE PLACE NEXT TIME" SHOW

The WWF returned to Kitchener for the first time since July of last year. Very little effort was put into the show, except in hyping their return with Savage vs Akeem Boxing Day. This is a report compiled by what I'll call 'Four Brave Souls.'

Sam Houston danced over Steve Lombardi in the opener. It went much to long. The referee was a new one on the local circuit, and didn't have a clue what he was doing. Ended with a pathetic bulldog. ( 1/2 * for Lombardi's facial expressions )

Terry Taylor roosted Scott Casey in another long match. Personally, Taylor was the only real reason I decided to go to this show. He sure does great imitations. They did an interesting 'windpipe headbutt'. Decent match. ( * )

Newcomer Ron Garvin took on Greg Valentine in what proved to be the unexpected surprise of the night. Entering, Garvin got no heat, but leaving he was cheered for the effort they put forth. Both battled outside the ring, getting counted out. After, they brawled some more. An excellent ending brawl. ( ** )

The Powers of Pain beat the Bolsheviks in the match everyone has seen. It worked here, as the crowd was well into it. But Warlord was in most of the time and the Barbarian blew kisses after the match. ( no stars )

Tito Santana beat King Haku by DQ after a ref bump. Mostly rest holds and a very uninspired match. Ever notice Tito's bald spot? He's not as young as he might like you to think. ( * )

Jacques & Raymond Rougeau surprised the Hart Foundation in the night's biggest rip-off. It didn't last more than five minutes. Disappointing. ( * )

The main event had Brutus Beefcake against Ron Bass. This was a very succesful match, and gave the fans something to go home with. Lots of stalling and playing. Beefer imitated Hacksaw Duggan with a folding chair instead of a 2 X 4. Bass was pinned after Brutus went through a revival 'a la Hulkster'. Following the match, the spurs, whips and chairs were brought in for effect. ( ** )

The advertised main event was a success, thereby helping their next show. It will be on Boxing Day after the Toronto afternoon show. It was explained to me that Jack Tunney always has a Christmas party for his wrestlers, so I expect most of the boys working the night show will be quite tanked. One member of the WWF Toronto Office staff claimed that "we'll sell out the place" next time. On the show is Savage vs Akeem, Hercules vs Virgil, Demolition Smash vs Barbarian, Demo Axe vs Warlord, Rockin' Robin, Hillbilly Jim vs Bad News Brown and Harley Race vs Haku. It sounds like a good show. Maybe I'll be there, maybe I won't.


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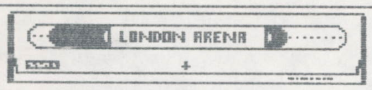


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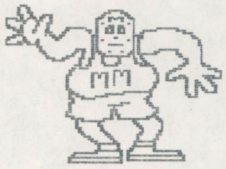

## LEARNING THE ROPES

I figured that it is about time that the WR gave the TV sitcom Learning the Ropes a a review. The show, starring Lyle Alzado, is loosely based around pro wrestling and features many stars of the NWA ( past and present ! ). This is why we're talking about it. I really enjoy the show, not because of the intended humour or the fact that it's a Canadian production. The wrestlers that are featured each week really make the show. Stan Lane, of the Midnight Express, did more talking in one show than he and Bobby have ever done with Jim Cornette around. Not only did he talk, be he was funny, and seemed at home. All in all, the show is worth your time to watch. It may not be totally realistic, at school, or at the arena, but hey, it's Willoudale, Ontario - not Hollywood, California!

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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Randy Savage
WWF Tag – Demolition
I-C – Ultimate Warrior
NWA – Ric Flair
NWA Tag – Road Warriors
NWA TV – Rick Steiner
U.S. – Barry Windham
U.S. Tag – S.Williams & K. Sullivan
AWA / World Class – Jerry Lawler
AWA Tag – Diamond & Tanaka
AWA TV – Greg Gagne
World Class Tag – Samoan Swat Team
Texas – Iceman Parsons
CWA – Sid Vicious
North American – Magnifient Muraco
Int'l Tag – British Bulldogs
Commonwealth – Johnny Smith

## EDITORIAL

For the month of JANUARY 1989

### IMPRESSIONS OF THE CHAMP

December 26th was the first time that I saw Randy Savage live, as the WWF World Champion. I couldn't help but draw comparisons to the other WWF Champion that I have seen.

His title defence against Akeem seemed lacklustre. There seemed to be no chance of an upset. When Savage was in trouble, the crowd didn't rally behind him like they should.

A big contrast to Savage was Hulk Hogan, the first time I saw him live. He was defending his WWF title against Kamala inside a steel cage. What a match! Hulk did everything a champ should do, whip the crowd into a frenzy. It was a great experience. At the time, I was no fan of Hulk, but somehow, he got me cheering.

Some men are meant to be cheered, some meant to be booed. Let's turn Savage, and keep Hulk challenging.

## JERRY LAWLER

**AWA / WORLD CLASS CHAMPION**

SuperClash III was the realization of another of 'the King"s dreams. The first was being AWA World Champion, the second was an attempt to unify all the World titles. By defeating Kerry Von Erich December 13th, he has unified the AWA and World Class Championships.

The two champs had been battling for months over who was the better man, and this was the exciting conclusion to the feud. The match at SuperClash as stopped and awarded to Lawler due to severe cuts on Von Erich.

Jerry Lawler certainly has his work cut out for him now. He has set a precedent of defending out of the non-existent AWA and of being a heel champion. Both these qualities are promising, but unfortunately, will never make Lawler into a national star. Simply put, he is not in good physical shape compared to the steroid warriors of today.

But wish 'the King' luck. He's always been one of my favorites.

## RICK STEINER

**NWA TV CHAMPION**

Rick Steiner rose above and beyond all expectations at the NWA's biggest show of the year, Starrcade '88, by defeating Mike Rotundo for the NWA TV title. For months now, Steiner had been ridiculed by Rotundo and Kevin Sullivan of the Varsity Club. Upon leaving that organization, this is his triumphant piece of revenge.

Steiner may just be the hottest wrestler in the NWA right now. His turn, though expected, was done great, and got him over very well to the fans. He is very funny on interviews. Steiner will be challenging Ric Flair for the NWA title in numerous cities, further cementing his position near the top of the NWA.

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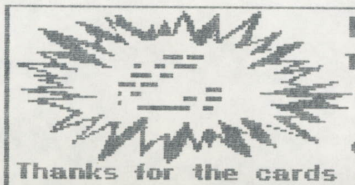


**HAPPY GRAM!**

Thank you to every-one who helped out with the Cdn WR over the past year! Thanks for the cards & letters. I'll do my best to keep improving the WR each month. Best wishes for the new year!

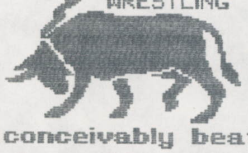
## NWA PRO WRESTLING

The Starcade 88 saw: RIC FLAIR defeat LEX LUGER in nearly 30 minutes of great action. Flair used the ropes to score the pinfall... DUSTY RHODES & STING beat the ROAD WARRIORS by DQ when PAUL ELLERING interfered... BARRY WINDHAM beat BAM BAM BIGELOW by countout to retain the US title... RICK STEINER beat MIKE ROTUNDO to win the NWA TV title... JIM CORNETTE's MIDNIGHT EXPRESS of LANE & EATON beat PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY's EXPRESS of ROSE & CONDREY when Lane pinned Rose following a double gouzle... The RUSSAIN ASSASSINS beat IVAN KOLOFF & the JUNKYARD DOG... DR DEATH STEVE WILLIAMS & KEVIN SULLIVAN beat the FANTASTICS to win the U.S.tag team title... There was also the first Bunkhouse Stampede on the show, though it was not a part of the pay per view package... LOU THESZ was shown as a part of the audience... In other NWA news... The Fantastics beat EDDIE GILBERT & RON SIMMONS to win the vacant US tag title, only to lose them at Starcade... NIKITA KOLOFF has quit... DUSTY RHODES is out as booker of the NWA... These two moves are a result of TED TURNER buying the NWA... New to the area are... the COMMANDOS, a HUGE team comprised of RAY CANDY & GRIZZLY BOONE... DUSTIN RHODES & KENDALL WINDHAM as the TEXAS COWBOYS... the JUNKYARD DOG... BUTCH REED ( who may have already left )... MICHAEL HAYES... Things are once again looking exciting in the NWA... New faces can add so much to an area... Once they decide on a booker, ( the current big debate) they could be well on their way to a national status...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

As talked about for soooo long, BIG JOHN STUDD has returned and has taken a stance against BOBBY HEENAN. The WWF will try and get Studd over to the fans real fast and convincingly by probally winning the Royal Rumble, set for January 15th in Houston, Texas... RICK MARTEL has also returned as a singles... BAD NEWS BROWN vs RANDY SAVAGE has produced some good battles, as has HULK HOGAN vs BIG BOSSMAN... BRUTUS BEEFCAKE cuts RON BASS's hair at the upcoming SNME to finally end the feud. Bass may be let go by the WWF... RUGGED RONNIE GARVIN has debuted on TV... The RED ROOSTER, TERRY TAYLOR has turned good... Look for a VIRGIL turn to take place soon. He has lost many battles to HERCULES as a result of boss TED DIBIASE... The BUSHWACKERS are over better than OUTHOUSE JACK, but that doesn't say much. Look for them to feud with the ROUGEAUS... To get the POWERS OF PAIN over as heels, they attack a prelim wrestler early in the card. That way, later in the card when they battle DEMOLITION, they are booed... BLUE BLAZER OWEN HART is out with a groin injury... The Royal Rumble will see the matches on the reverse, plus ROCKIN' ROBIN vs JUDY MARTIN and HARLEY RACE vs KING HAKU... GREG VALENTINE & HONKYTONK MAN are being pushed as a tag team... The Main Event, NBC prime time style, will air February 3rd...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING



THE BRITISH BULLDOGS successfully returned and eventually defeated the CUBAN COMMANDOS for the International tag team titles... MAGNIFICENT MURACO came with the Bulldogs and beat MAKHAN SINGH for the North American title... The problem has now arisen, to find believable foes for the WWF deserters... For example, what tag team do they currently have that could conceivably beat the Bulldogs... STEVE DISALVO will turn heel and feud with new champ Muraco... CHRIS BENOIT will be gearing up to challenge JOHNNY SMITH for the Comonwealth title again... LARRY 'the Shaft' CAMERON is a newcomer to the area. His growing reputation as a great heel preceeds him... TOMMY FERRERA is in as a jobber... GARY ALBRIGHT appears to have lost weight... Isn't it sad to see BIFF WELLINGTON in the prelims again?... An upcoming battle royale for $10,000 features the quote / screw up of the month. STU HART: " I guess the winner will get the pot. " ED WHALEN: " $10,000 worth of pot. " What kind of promotion is this!?....

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

AL TOMKO is trying to sell his wrestling promotion. And believe it or not there are numerous interested parties... The FROG continues to feud with MICHELLE STARR. The two will be having a loser leave town match with RICK DAVIS as referee. Who else but your brother would you want as ref?... The OLYMPIAN PENN STATE BOMBER is a rip-off of the VARSITY CLUB. He is feuding with RANDY TYLER... Don't you hate the close up camera interviews where the spit comes at you in 3-D?....

MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

With the CWA and World Class now all but officially merged, it made sense for us to combine the news... JERRY LAWLER has been defending the AWA title against KERRY VON ERICH, KAMALA, WAHOO MCDANIEL and JIMMY GARVIN... SID VICIOUS beat BRIAN LEE to win the CWA title. Lee had won the title in a tournament over MEAN MIKE MILLER... A match between Lawler & Jimmy Garvin had the BOTSWANA BEAST interfere, and Garvin saving Lawler. Kamala then came in to even things out. At the end of it all, Lawler was stretchered out following the legendary AIR KAMALA... BILL DUNDEE put DOWNTOWN BRUNO out of action with a few piledrivers on the floor... Bruno has returned with a neck brace on... When making the save in a recent match, Dundee was clobbered with a trash can by Robert Fuller... CHRIS ADAMS has returned to the World Class area... MICHAEL HAYES has left for the NWA... COWBOY TONY FALK has set up shop in WC... TRACY SMOHERS and Singing cowboy DON BASS have returned to the CWA... WENDELL COOLEY is new to the area... TATSUMI FUJINAMI plans to make more appearances in the U.S.... The main talent in each region has bee travelling back and forth from Tennessee to Texas...

WORLD CLASS

AWA NEWS

SuperClash III results saw JERRY LAWLER beat KERRY VON ERICH by referee's decision to win the unified AWA title... ROCK'N'ROLL EXRESS went to a double DQ against ROBERT FULLER & JIMMY GOLDEN... ERIC EMBRY beat JEFF JARRETT to regain the Lightweight Title... GREG GAGNE beat RON GARVIN by countout to win the AWA TV title... SGT SLAUGHTER beat COLONEL DEBEERS by DQ when SHIEK ADNAN EL-KAISSIE and the IRON SHIEK interfered... The SAMOAN SWAT TEAM beat STEVE COX & MICHAEL HAYES... WAHOO MCDANIEL beat MANNY FERNANDEZ in an Indian strap match... The TERRORIST won the POWW ladies battle royale... RICKY RICE, DERRICK DUKES & WENDI RICHTER beat MADUSA MACHELLI, PAT TANAKA & PAUL DIAMOND... JIMMY VALIANT beat WAYNE BLOOM... ICEMAN PARSONS beat BRICKHOUSE BROWN with a foreign object... CHAVO, MANDO & HECTOR GUERRERO beat the RPM's and CACTUS JACK FOLEY... The comments have certainly varied on this show... The AWA and friends should be congradulated for pulling it off, even though it was no where near a success... In other news... Wendi Richter beat Madusa Machelli for the Ladies title in the AWA's return to Minneapolis. Also on the card, Greg Gagne & ROBERT GIBSON beat BADD COMPANY for the AWA tag titles, only to have them taken away later in the week and returned to Tanaka & Diamond... The AWA is in the hunt for financial backing ( ala TED TURNER ) and for new talent... They toured Northern Ontario and returned to Winnipeg at the end of December...

OTHER NEWS

Passing away this past month are... LARRY MOQUIN, a famous 40's to 60's star in Quebec... SLEDGEHAMMER, Jim Fisher, a local wrestler... TINY TOM THUMB, Canadian midget Gary Culbreth... RICKY LAWLESS, a Southern wrestler, murdered by wrestler Vladimir Koloff... BARON MICHELE LEONE, an ancient star of the West Coast... Rest in peace... Thank you to everyone who ordered a copy of the WILDMAN's 1972 London show. The response was better than I ever espected. Please let me know what you though of the show... We'll be offering another great tape in the near future... A special thanks goes out to ED WHALEN and PRO WRESTLING PLUS, who has plugged me for the umpteenth time. One of these times, he'll give out my address too!...

I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

Look for a major talent raid by VINCE MCMAHON on the CWA and World Class regions. He doesn't want them growing any more... MERV GRIFFIN, the TV producer / star, is apparently looking into wrestling promoting... The NWA has set up a 'No Blood' rule, much like the WWF. Wrestling becomes more family oriented this way... The NWA has approached BRET HART about joining up... Vince McMahon is looking to sign the VARSITY CLUB, as a whole. This would be a great move, for the WWF getting great talent, and coming across as a more credible organization - giving quality college stars a national shot... BRIAN PILLMAN and DJ PEDERSON are rumoured to be coming back to Stampede... The AWA is looking for new talent. The FANTASTICS and RICK STEINER have been approached... I heard a rumour that Greg FINALLY learnt how to right justify, after having this program since Sept.

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## Rasslin' Results

**WWF HAMILTON**
**DECEMBER 4, 1988**

A delay at the airport following an afternoon show in Montreal caused big problems on this show. Hogan and Big Bossman went over 20 minutes, with Hulk winning by DQ... Tim Horner beat Johnny K-9... Ted DiBiase beat Koko B.Ware... Virgil pinned Hercules when DiBiase hit Herc with a chair. After match beating had Duggan make the save... Tito Santana beat Greg Valentine by countout... Curt Hennig beat Jerry Garcia... Hacksaw Duggan beat Dino Bravo in a great match. Too bad they can't do this all the time...

**SUPERSTARS OF WRESTLING**
**TORONTO DECEMBER 18, 1988**

( see ad below ) Reported bravely by Bryan Cashman... A George Cannon booked show, run by a Toronto Pakistinian group... Announcer was Red Bastien... In the main event, Tagar Dalibr Singh beat Colonel DeBeers... Kashmir Singh & Dori Singh beat Dr Jerry Graham Jr & Bulldog Don Kent... Prince Mannc Singh beat Johnny K-9... Katr Singh beat Chris Carter... Manjit Singh beat Sheena the Voodoo Queen... Kashmir Singh drew with Bulldog Don Kent...

**WWF TORONTO DECEMBER 26, 1988**

Randy Savage beat Bad News Brown in an excellent match which featured a brawl back to the dressing room... Powers of Pain DDQ Demolition... King Haku beat Harley Race... Rockin'Robin beat Judy Martin... Ted DiBiase beat Sam Houston, who subbed for no-show Hercules... Akeem beat Hillbilly Jim... Mike Sharpe beat Jose Luis Rivera with the Powers of Pain beating Rivera up after..

**UCWA BRANTFORD DECEMBER 28, 1988**

Melissa Doll beat Angie... Rusty 'the Fox' Thomas beat Toni Starr in two successive pinfalls... Toni Starr beat Thomas in a rematch... Rob Brown beat Big Mac by DQ ( Mac had a chain )... Suzie Steel beat Kimi Kozak...

## SURPRISES IN BRANTFORD (COUNT THE FANS!)

**UCWA BRANTFORD**
**DECEMBER 28, 1988**
**EAGLE PLACE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Where to begin... well, I went to this show excited, and left disappointed. The show basically turned out to be just ladies wrestling. A main event chain match between PRETTY BOY CHUCK SIMMS and JASON THE TERRIBLE had been advertised. Now, I knew Jason would not be there ( he's in Puerto Rico ), so I assumed there would be a substitution. Wrong. MAD DOG REX was there, but the promoter decided that he didn't want to have the boys do the main event, that he was sticking with the girls. Great. Just great. Fulfilling a commitment to the 100 so people in attendance was not ruled necessary. Thanks. At least come through with a substitute match if the main event is not possible.

So we are left with 3 ladies matches, the introduction of Ladies champ, HEIDI LEE MORGAN, and an undescribable match between radio announcer ROB BROWN and wrestler BIG MAC. Somehow, I think Mac had better things to do...

And the refereeing! We won't get into that, other than a fan from the audience started off, only to be replaced by WR writer TERRY DART. I'm sure the Boxing & Wrestling Commission would like to hear about this one!

If you were a wrestler, would you want to work for a promotion like this? You drive to the show and be told you're not working, therefore no night's pay.

Now I don't mean to come down too heavy, but promoting takes thought and planning - and money. You can't get by with three posters in a great wrestling town or screwing people around.

And if a main event is promised, a main event there should be.

## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

Jan 16 WWF Hamilton
Jan 29 WWF Toronto
Feb 19 WWF Kitchener
and more?...

"There are three things you don't do: You don't spit into the wind. You don't step on Superman's cape, and you don't mess with the Shaft" Larry Cameron upon his 1st Stampede interview.


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## WWF Kitchener December 26th

A crowd of 3985 was on hand for the return of the WWF to Kitchener's Memorial Auditorium. It was the evening show, following a matinee at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto. In the opener, Sam Houston bulldogged Conquisador #1 (Rivera) for the win... Next, in a stunner, Iron Mike Sharpe won his second match of the day by beating Scott Casey! Mike must feel like the Miami Heat, with a modest winning streak of two. After, Fuji and the Powers of Pain came in and beat up Casey... Rockin Robin beat Judy Martin to retain the title - boring... Warlord beat Demolition Axe, when Fuji tripped him, and then held his leg... King Haku beat Harley Race in a slow paced match... Demolition Smash beat the Barbarian when Axe held his leg... Bad News Brown beat Hillbilly Jim... Hercules beat Virgil with his full nelson. After the match, DiBiase hit Herc with a chair and a chain, but Herc wouldn't let go... In the main event, Randy Savage beat Akeem, the African Dream by countout. It was a predictable match, but fun watching the clowning of Akeem. Savage, Liz and the WWF gave the fans their money's worth - the WWF World Heavyweight title being defended in our town...

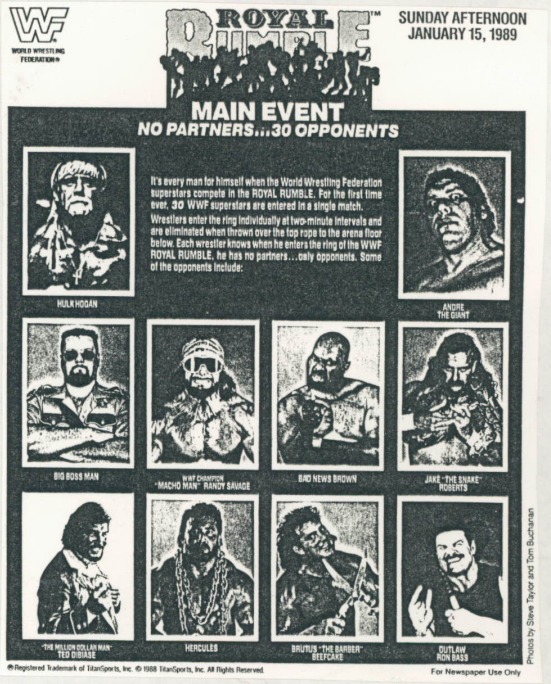
## The Press Release

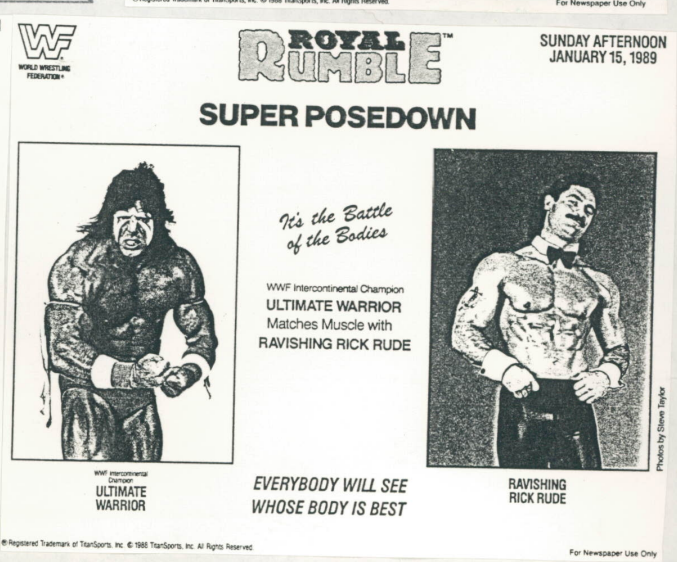
Ever wonder just how professional the World Wrestling Federation really is? Take a look at these newspaper press releases to find out. Three separate photos come across the photo wire, each one advertising a separate portion of the upcoming Royal Rumble.

The WWF is pushing the fact that they believe that their event should be covered in the local newspaper, as would any other major event. To us, the ads are interesting, as it shows how the WWF wants the general public to perceive their shows and performances. It also gives clues into what will happen at the Rumble and at WrestleMania V. "No partners... 30 opponents" Hmmm... A reference to Hogan vs Savage??

But where does it say anything about where the show is going to be ? ( Boston Garden ) Or that it is going to be on PPV TV? Was this on purpose, to cause the reporter to look deeper? Or was it an honest mistake?...

Honest? - the WWF ?... I doubt it...





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# A JAR FULL OF MEMORIES

With Terry Dart

This month's recounting of history comes from the London Arena, January 1960.

The main event featured one of the hottest feuds going in Ontario with legendary villain DON LEO JONATHON battling the Canadian hero WHIPPER BILLY WATSON. It was a best out of three falls match, something we see too little of today.

In first fall, won by Jonathon in only 36 seconds, The Whip fell victim to a vicious pre-bell attack and a knee drop off the top rope.

The second fall started out much the same, with Don Leo manhandling Watson with knee drops and corkscrews. Knuckles into the temple was also a favorite maneouver of Jonathon. The battle evened out for the next 45 minutes of riotous action. The Whipper came to life and trademark shoulder whipped Jonathon into the turnbuckle. The Canuck Commando Unconcious sleeper then put Jonathon out.

The third fall was on even terms. Watson valiantly battled to get Don Leo into the sleeper again, and appeared to have the bout won, when the timekeeper rang the bell. The match ended in an one hour draw.

In other bouts that night, the Kalmikoff Brothers, Ivan and Karol, a villainous Russian duo, won a 30 minute semi final match over the acrobatic Bernard 'Frenchy' Vignal and Irish Pat Flanagan of Toronto. A series of knee drops saw Ivan score the pin on Flanagan.

Rough Toronto Argo player Wayne Beck used a vicious backbreaker to beat Bill Stack in the opener.

The writer, TERRY DART has been a major wrestling fan for as long as he can remember. He promises more escapades into Ontario's wrestling past.

## ANALYSIS: THE LOCAL WRESTLER

# MAD DOG REX

**228 pounds**
**Homes & Institutions Around The World**

... Has been wrestling professionally now for three years... got his training with Sweet Daddy Siki... began under real name Neil Carr, billed out of his hometown of Brantford, Ontario... claims to be 'Brantford's Greatest Athlete'... "I can play hockey too. Let's get Gretzky in the ring!"... worked with the WWF at the TV tapings in Brantford for over a year... became known for his hooded black track suit and beard... small size doesn't bother him... cites famous quote "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog"... has wrestled across Canada... biggest success came in Vancouver's Tomko wrestling... there was dubbed the "Mad Dog" by promoter Al Tomko... never lost the Canadian Junior title from that region... "After a while with Tomko, you go nuts"... statement backs up his ring antics... likes to break rules and entertain the crowd... "I never liked good guys"... Has also wrestled with the ICW, Portland, Central States and on several Eastern Canada tours... currently works with the UCWA and the NCW... holder of the UCWA's International Junior title... favorite tag team partner is Johnny K-9... "We put a lot of pain on a lot of people"... toughest battle was against DR.D David Shultz in Montreal... enjoys using the Russain leg sweep, neckbreaker and the 'Rexplex'...

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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Randy Savage
WWF Tag – Demolition
I-C – Ultimate Warrior
NWA – Ric Flair
NWA Tag – Road Warriors
NWA TV – Rick Steiner
U.S. – Barry Windham
U.S. Tag – S.Williams & K. Sullivan
'Unified'– Jerry Lawler
AWA Tag – Diamond & Tanaka
AWA TV – Greg Gagne
World Class Tag – Samoan Swat Team
Texas – Iceman Parsons
CWA – Wendell Cooley
North American – Magnificent Muraco
Int'l Tag – Makhan & Vokhan Singh
Commonwealth – Chris Benoit

**THE EDITOR'S FAVORITES**

At the request of a reader, here are some of my favorite wrestlers. Anyone can send me a list of their faves, of now and then, for a column that will let the world know your opinions.

These are not in any type of order:

RIC FLAIR: the bottom line is, whether you like it or you don't like it, he's the best thing going today! Whooo!

LETHAL LARRY CAMERON: what an awesome ring presence, much like the Road Warriors of old...

IRON MIKE SHARPE: fun to watch, he is certainly Canada's greatest athlete in my book!

JERRY 'the King' LAWLER: whether he tries or not, he comes across as the most arrogant man in wrestling...

BIFF WELLINGTON: he's not flashy, but Biff always manages a good show...

JACQUES & RAYMOND ROUGEAU: good old boys who deserted their country for fame and fortune...

MAKHAN SINGH: it's not his wrestling talent but his hilarious interviews. He comes across as a great local heel, always badmouthing the Flames and the Stampeders...

GREG VALENTINE: I still like to watch the Hammer even though he's gone downhill recently. He has the perfect wrestling physique, short & stubby...

BARRY HOROWITZ: so talented yet so incredibly misused...

KEVIN SULLIVAN: a strange man that you just have to listen to...

## CHRIS BENOIT

**British Commonwealth Champion**

Will the second time around be any sweeter for Chris Benoit? The youngster's second time reign began January 13th in Calgary when he beat Johnny Smith in an English Death Match to regain the British Commonwealth title. This is the second time Benoit has held the belt. For his first reign, he defeated Gama Singh for the title.

The title change is the climax of a great feud between the 218 pound Benoit and the 225 pound Johnny Smith. Both athletes contributed to the great matches all around the Stampede circuit.

Benoit is a star in the Stampede area, probally second only to the British Bulldogs in popularity. He will have a tremendous future in the business if he can keep up his great work rate and positive attitude.

Challenges to the title will come from an enraged British Bruiser Johnny Smith, the Great Gama, Biff Wellington and other bright stars in the area.

## MAGNIFICENT MURACO

**North American Champion**

Some say that the Muraco that we see today is better than ever. They talk about Muraco's win over Makhan Singh for the North American title and of his emergence in the AWA as a contender.

The praises have certainly come down on the Magnificent Muraco as of late as he leaves the WWF for the uncharted wilderness of the independants.

It certainly was a good career move, but a little too late. Muraco may look bigger and better than ever, but he is certainly not in the physical shape he was a few years ago. The road for the Rock looks less magnificent as the days go by.

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## Rasslin' Results

**WWF HAMILTON**
**JANUARY 16, 1989**
**...it started on time...**

Randy Savage beat Bad News Brown in a street fight... Hacksaw Duggan & Hercules beat Ted DiBiase & Virgil... Greg Valentine beat Ronnie Garvin... Brain Busters beat Rockers... Rick Martel drew with Curt Hennig... Paul Roma beat Iron Mike Sharpe... Terry Taylor beat Danny Davis..

**WWF TORONTO JANUARY 29, 1989**

Hulk Hogan beat Akeem. Pose-down featured Hulk wearing Slick's hat ( * )... Rockin Robin pinned Sherri Martel with a flying bulldog. A short, but faced paced match ( *** )... Bret Hart DCOR Honkytonk Man. Honky has to work much harder for his heat now ( ** 1/2 )... Ron Garvin drew with Raymond Rougeau in a match with many restholds. ( * )... Curt Hennig pinned Tito Santana using the ropes. Curt is starting to develop a patented bump through the ropes( ** )... The Powers of Pain beat Demolition by countout in a no DQ match. Fuji used the cane many times until Demo took it and broke it over the Barbarian. ( ** )... Blue Blazer beat Conquisador #1 - slow and disappointing ( * )... Rick Martel, subbing for Hacksaw Duggan, who appeared in a leg cast, beat Dino Bravo in a flag match. Duggan hit Bravo with the 2X4 to get the win. Martel is now claiming to live in Florida, even though Visa problems prevent him from even crossing the border to the U.S...

← THE ARM BRACE

## FOLLOWING IRON MIKE SHARPE 'CANADA'S GREATEST ATHLETE'

Following up on Iron Mike's modest two match win streak mentioned last issue, I thought it would be a good idea to see how he did over the rest of the week.

December 26, 2:00pm Toronto
Iron Mike beat Jose Luis Rivera
December 26, 8:00pm Kitchener
Iron Mike beat Scott Casey
December 27 Worchester, MA
Scott Casey beat Iron Mike
December 28 Lincoln, NE
Scott Casey beat Iron Mike
December 30 Chicago, IL
Scott Casey beat Iron Mike
January 1 West Palm Beach, FL
Iron Mike beat Lanny Poffo

So over a one week period of time, Iron Mike went three and three. A .500 record better than expected.

## EDITORIAL

**For the month of FEBRUARY 1989**

**GOOD DREAMS. BAD DREAMS**

It was more than a bad dream. It was a nightmare. I had turned on the local station to watch NWA Pro, and JIM ROSS appeared, in his own special way, celebrating the return of the ROCK'N' ROLL EXPRESS to the NWA.

No! This can't be happening!

TED TURNER can't be that dumb!

Thankfully, it turned out to be a rerun from the summer...

But it does put into perspective what seems to be happening in the NWA. New talent is arriving, almost daily. Hard to believe eh?

And the biggest return starts with an old NWA angle. A superstar comes out of retirement. Yes, RICK STEAMBOAT has returned to the NWA once again following the old story of running his gym and being with his family.

You have to like it!

The potential in the NWA is once again skyrocketing. Apparently coming in are TERRY GORDY, BOB ORTON, OWEN HART, Flyin' BRIAN PILLMAN, TOM PRTICHARD and more. The NWA now has enough talent to have a loser leaves match with the Old and New MIDNIGHT EXPRESS.

And to top it all off, DUSTY RHODES is out as booker and out of the NWA. He has left for Florida, unfortunately taking with him talent like DICK MURDOCH, and AL PEREZ.

GEORGE SCOTT, a Mid Atlantic wrestler from the 60's and 70's, has been positioned as the new booker. Having a non-wrestler run the show will keep the Dusty Rhodes syndrome, pushing one's self and only one's self, under control.

The NWA of today hopefully has learned from the mistakes of the NWA of old. Overall, the NWA of today just has so much potential...

My advice to the NWA is to take their time, build up the TV audiences again - the live attendance will follow. But most of all, keep your wrestlers happy, it will make everyone else happy too...

## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

February 17 - WWF Cornwall
February 19 - WWF Toronto
February 19 - WWF Kitchener ****
March 5 - WWF Hamilton

Guess what! I'll be at the show in Kitchener. If you're coming down, let me know... Just remember that our phone number changes that day, the 19th to (519) 893 - 4092...

# WRESTLING THE BIG FISH: A HISTORY OF WRESTLING IN NEWFOUNDLAND

by: Tom Young

I've been a wrestling fan for as long as I can remember. My earliest memories are of my father listening to radio brodcasts from Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens in the early 60's. In the late sixties, from Halifax, we saw TV wrestling featuring such stars as the Beast, the Stomper, Freddie Sweetan, Eric Pomperoy and a young Leo Burke. About this time I saw my first live wrestling, as the Great Antonio brought his road show to my home town of Gander, Nfld.

In the early seventies we received Grand Prix Wrestling from Montreal, followed by 'Crybaby' George Cannon's Superstars of Wrestling. Cannon toured here in the summer of '75 with Sailor White, Billy Two Rivers, Kurt Von Hess, Karl Von Shotz, Bill Dixon, Bad News Jackson, midgets and other forgettable grapplers.

Then a promoter by the name of Cain promoted in the fall and winter of 1975 using Tony Marino, Karl Von Shotz, the Assassin, Bobby Golden, John Boy and others.

Cannon returned over the next few summers with the White Brothers, Hartford Love, Hans Mueller, Gino Brito, Bob & Rocky Dellaserra, Louis Laurence, Chris Carter, Jerry Graham Jr, Chris Colt, Muhammed Saad, and others, mostly from Michigan and Ohio.

Over the last few years, no regular promotion has decided to promote a full summer tour of Newfoundland. Big Bear Promotions came in for one tour and was about to do another when the tragic deaths of Dave McKigney, Pat Kelly and Adrian Adonis in a car accident ended the plans.

The World Wrestling Federation toured Newfoundland on three different four day stints over the past year.

So as you can see, we are somewhat wrestling starved. Does anyone know of any promotions interested in coming to Newfoundland in 1989?...

# THE MAIN EVENT

## MEGA POWER MELTDOWN

**FEBRUARY 3, 1989**
**BRADLEY CENTRE**
**MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN**

The soap opera broadcast by NBC in prime time television was not the best ever drama, or wrestling match. But the show did serve it's purpose. The world saw the MegaMeltdown of the Mega Powers.

It happened in a match between HULK HOGAN & RANDY SAVAGE, the MegaPowers, against AKEEM & BIG BOSSMAN, the TwinTowers. The intensity was there right from the start. JESSE VENTURA made his bold predictions and the WWF crew showed a beautiful video on the friendship of the MegaPowers.

Somehow we knew that it would happen...

The match was exciting but the real match started when Savage was hurled out onto ELIZABETH, knocking her unconcious. Savage, the valiant champ, gets back into the ring, knowing that medical attention would soon be arriving. Little did he know that Hulk likes to play doctor, and treated Liz by himself. Lots of fondling and loving looks by Hogan. Savage sees all this, including Hulk walking off with Liz. But the Macho Man could do little, he was being beaten by the TwinTowers.

We are now treated to the traditional WWF pre taped videos, with Hulk crying over Liz, praying for her to gain conciousness. Eventually she does, and Hulk leaves for the ring. There, he is greeted by a slap across the face by Savage. 'Tag! You're it!'.

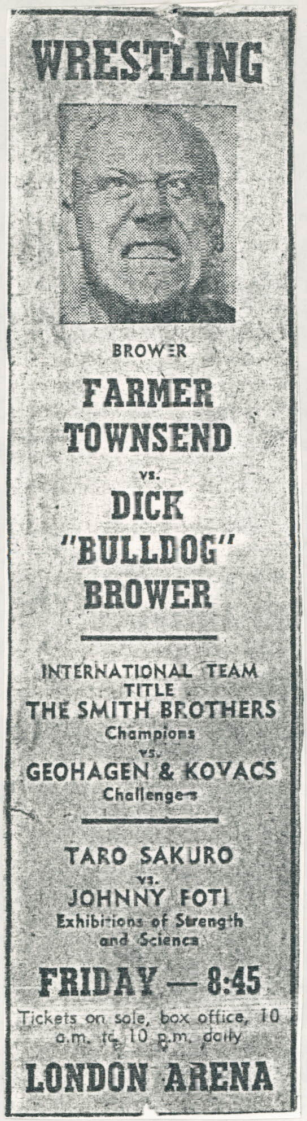
Savage leaves Hogan alone in the ring, and sets off to find Liz. The Hulkster has little problem beating Akeem & Bossman by himself. He too then leaves to see Liz.

In the dressing room, Savage is scolding Liz, reminding her that he is the champion, that he is number one in the WWF. Hulk arrives, wondering what has gotten into Savage. Well, the feud starts here, Savage challenges Hogan's trust and Hulk acts like he has done nothing wrong.

The battle is one sided. Hulk goes down, and Savage manhandles Elizabeth while leaving. He does appear somewhat upset about the entire situation.

The entire angle was very well done, even the obviously pre-taped segments. They have left it open for the MegaPowers to make up after their collosal battle at WrestleMania V.

Savage vs Hogan. Intriguing and surely a huge money maker...




# A JAR FULL OF MEMORIES

With Terry Dart

This month's recounting of history comes from the London Arena, January 1961.

BULLDOG BROWER made his London, Ontario debut in a wild affair, winning over the popular FRANK 'Farmer Boy' TOWNSEND in two straight falls.

In the first fall, Brower kicked, gouged and stomped Farmer Boy into submission. The fall ended after 14 minutes following two vicious knee drops off the top rope onto Townsend's neck.

The second fall saw Townsend throw several flying dropkicks and use his famous Giant Swing, only to lose his balance and fall from the ring. Brower quickly followed, smashing the Farmer Boy into the ringside seats. The Bulldog then hit Townsend with the timekeeper's bell, and threw him back into the ring. The second fall ended with another knee drop at 7:24. Following the match, a fan threw his shoe at Brower. The Bulldog ripped the shoe up and threw it back to the wild eyed ringsiders.

In other bouts: HURRICANE and CYCLONE SMITH retained their International tag team titles by winning a two out of three falls tag match over SANDOR KOVACS and TIMOTHY GEOHAGEN.

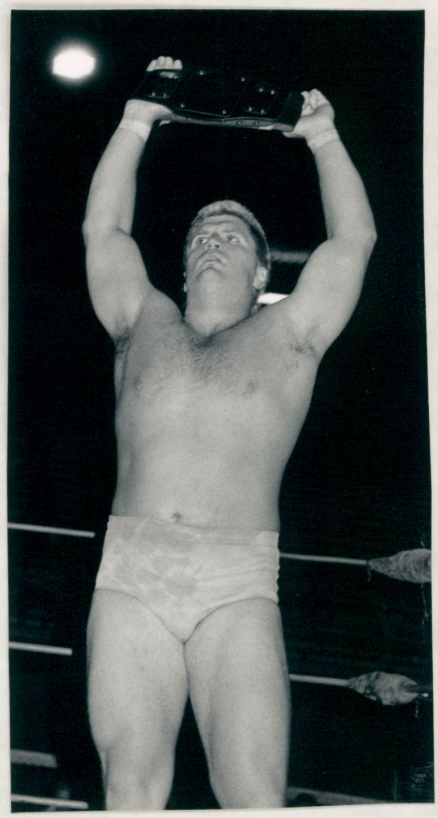
In the opener, Japanese madman TARO SAKURO won over JOHN FOTI with a series of judo chops and the stomach claw.

Notes: FARMER BOY TOWNSEND always sang before his bouts, and was pretty good. He looked a lot like Elvis... TARO SAKURO wrestled as TARO KEOMURA, brother of the legendary DUKE KEOMURA in tag action in the 60's in Buffalo, and as TOKYO TOM, to team with TOYKO JOE in Detroit in 1967... HURRICANE & CYCLONE SMITH were twin brothers with red beards from Red Deer, Alberta... SANDOR KOVACS promoted in Vancouver in the late 1960's... BULLDOG BROWER was a true great. He held wins over such names as KILLER KOWALSKI, WHIPPER WATSON, EDUARD CARPENTIER, GENE KINISKI, and everyone's favorite announcer, GINO MARELLA ( Give me a break Gorilla! )....

## ANALYSIS: THE LOCAL WRESTLER

### PRETTY BOY CHUCK SIMMS

**265 pounds Florida**



The Pretty Boy considers himself a veteran of the mat game after five years of bashing and strutting... He trained with Vince Bright and Lou Ever in Hamilton... Has wrestled out of Montreal, Halifax, Calgary and New York... "I always liked wrestling. It was something I always wanted to do."... Remembers watching Dominic DeNucci, Bobo Brazil and Tony Parisi while growing up... Enjoys the 'people' aspect of pro wrestling... "You can really get a high from the ring"... Really enjoyed bouts at Montreal's Paul Sauve Arena... "Good fans. Good crowds." Held the TV and tag titles while in Montreal... Had some great battles against Steve Strong ( DiSalvo ), Dan Kroffat ( sometimes Phil Lafleur ) and Gino Brito Jr... Won TV title in battle royale... Eventually lost title to Brito Jr... Still has possession of Int'l tag belt, which he held with Richard 'the Boss' Charland... Then was managed by 'Pretty Boy' Floyd Creetchman... Currently happy to wrestle occasionally with local independents... From Welland, Ontario... Lists the flying clothesline, figure four leglock and side suplex as favourite moves... His in ring style is patterned much like 'Mr Wonderful' Paul Orndorff... When asked, 'Why the Pretty Boy monicker?', he smiled and said "I've always been good looking."...

MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

WORLD CLASS

The CWA / World Class area has severed all dealings with VERNE GAGNE and the AWA. The dispute revolves around SuperClash III and the lack of money that JERRY JARRETT and his companies got... Lawsuits will follow out of this dispute... JERRY LAWLER was stripped of the AWA title for 'no shows', and that title is now vacant. Lawler is still the 'Unified' World champ, as recognized in World Class, CWA and Continental... Lawler lost the title briefly to DUTCH MANTELL in a match where RICK MORTON of the ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS turned bad. The decision was later reversed... New to the areas are Rick Morton, Dutch Mantell, FRANKIE LANCASTER, ADRIAN STREET plus the SHOGUN & SAMURI, who you will remember as HASHIF KHAN & YANG CHUNG of the Stampede area... Gone are JIMMY GARVIN, STEVE CASEY, and MICHAEL HAYES, all to the NWA. KAMALA and the BOTSWANI BEAST have dropped out of sight, while STEVE COX has dropped out of wrestling... WENDELL COOLEY is the CWA champion after beating SID VICIOUS... PHIL HICKERSON returned from Japan as PY CHU HI... JIMMY JACK FUNK is now a good guy and is feuding with SUPER BLACK NINJA... ERIC EMBRY is the lead babyface in World Class, revolving all the angles around him... The BILL DUNDEE Midget World Tour will start off with an exciting tour of World Class... The BEAUTY & the BEAST are feuding with TRACEY SMOTHERS, Bill Dundee & now ADRIAN STREET... Frankie Lancaster is a new member of the STUD STABLE... CACTUS JACK FOLEY is now CACTUS JACK MANSON... KERRY VON ERICH is, inexplicably, World Class champion again....

AWA NEWS

The AWA title is vacant, and a new champion will be determined in a battle royale on February 7th... LARRY ZBYSZKO has returned to the AWA and is the favorite to win the belt... DON MURACO will be making appearances... Youngsters getting minor pushes include MEAN MIKE ENOS, who has a construction worker gimmick, WAYNE 'The Train' BLOOM, TOMMY JAMMER, plus the TOP GUNS, RICKY RICE and DERRICK DUKES... BAD COMPANY, BRUCE HART & BRIAN PILLMAN, are rumoured to be appearing for a match with AWA tag champs, BADD COMPANY, PAT TANAKA & PAUL DIAMOND... DUSTY RHODES may have a lot to do with the AWA in the near future. He has bought part of the Florida promotion, and is billed as AWA bound. Look for NWA deserters like DICK MURDOCH, AL PEREZ and others to surface occassionally with Dusty in the AWA... As you can tell by the report so far, many different wrestlers will be making occassional appearances with the AWA... New ladies wrestlers are being brought in to challenge for WENDI RICHTER's title... MADUSA MACHELLI is currently is Japan, drawing rave reviews for her ring attire...

OTHER NEWS

Legendary London wrestling fan MA PICKLES passed away this past month. She was a regular at wrestling shows in London for over 40 years, until her health prevented her from attending live. Many of her exploits are detailed in the book DRAWING HEAT... Stampede legend DAVE RUHL passed away recently. He was well known for his feuds with ARCHIE 'Stomper' GOULDIE and SWEET DADDY SIKI... Florida Championship Wrestling will be getting a little bigger with DUSTY RHODES buying a reported 60% of the company. Other owners include GORDON SOLIE and MIKE GRAHAM... Thank you to DAVE MELTZER, WRESTLING EYE and ED WHALEN of PRO WRESTLING PLUS for plugging us this month...

I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

The NWA has apparently sabotaged some of the WWF's plans for WrestleMania by influencing the PPV companies... STEVE DISALVO will be out of wrestling by the end of the summer due to health reasons... RIC FLAIR & JJ DILLON are both being talked about as future WWFers... The NWA title could soon be defended in Japan again... PAUL E DANGEROUSLY will bring in BRIAN PILLMAN & TOM PRITCHARD as his new tag team...

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BACK ISSUES

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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Randy Savage
WWF Tag – Demolition
I-C – Ultimate Warrior
NWA – Rick Steamboat
NWA Tag – Road Warriors
NWA TV – Mike Rotundo
U.S. – Lex Luger
U.S. Tag – S.Williams & K. Sullivan
AWA – Larry Zbyszko
AWA Tag – Diamond & Tanaka
CWA/WCCW/CWF – Jerry Lawler
CWA – Dutch Mantell
North American – Magnificent Muraco
Int'l Tag – Makhan & Vokhan Singh
Commonwealth – Chris Benoit

## EDITORIAL

MARCH 1989
by: Greg Oliver

### FRENCH MEMORIES

For the last twelve years, I have been involved in our region's French Immersion program. Now, in the final year, taking my French OAC, I wonder if it was all worth it.

The other day, to my surprise, I found out that it was.

I stumbled upon a black and white wrestling show on channel 37, the french version of TVOntario. Now sitting infront of french TV is not my favorite pastime, but this intrigued me.

The french announcer was great, getting right into the match – EDOUARD CARPENTIER & DOMINIC DENUCCI vs AL COSTELLO & IVAN KALMIKOFF. Once I found out who was in the bout, it became special. I have personally met both Costello & DeNucci, but had never seen either in their heyday.

Carpentier was the big surprise. I saw just why he was considered the first acrobat of the mat. He was amazing, with a big, drug free body.

Without my knowledge of French, this match would have been boring. It proved to me the importance of the announcer in bringing out the best of the action.

The match, with aftermatch interviews and crowd shots was a National Film Board Production called WRESTLING, from the Montreal Forum in 1961.

## LEX LUGER

**New United States Champion**

Before leaping into the expected of the NWA's February 20th Pay Per View Show, let us take a look at the surprise – Lex Luger defeating Barry Windham for the U.S. title.

Lex Luger is one of the stars of the NWA. His wrestling skills have improved tremendously, further cementing his position atop the wrestling world.

And Luger is a talent that the NWA can ill-afford to lose if they intend to compete with the WWF. Having him hold a championship belt is a good step in providing happiness for your employee.

But on the other hand, why did Luger get the title shot against Windham? Eddie Gilbert was feuding with Barry Windham and Ric Flair. He should have been awarded the title shot.

Whatever the case, Luger is the surprise champion and has a promising reign ahead of him. Challenges will come from Windham, Butch Reed, and now, Ric Flair.

## RICKY STEAMBOAT

**NWA WORLD CHAMPION**

Ricky Steamboat did what no man could do in all of 1988, defeat Nature Boy Ric Flair for the NWA World title. He did it with a clean pin on February 20th in Chicago, as seen around the world on pay per view television.

This is the first world's singles title for Steamboat, following many successful reigns with other titles, including the U.S., Intercontinental, NWA tag, and NWA TV.

What kind of champion will Steamboat make? How often will he defend the title? His contract does not make him much more than a part-time NWA wrestler.

Whatever the case, Steamboat is on top, for the time being.

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## NWA PRO WRESTLING

The biggest news stems from the February 20 PPV show. There RICK STEAMBOAT beat RIC FLAIR in 23:18 to win the NWA title in a super match. Readers who saw the show say that this match was one of the best they have ever seen... In other bouts... LEX LUGER beat BARRY WINDHAM to win the U.S.title. Windham injured his claw hand, leading to the title change... MIKE ROTUNDO beat RICK STEINER to regain the NWA TV title. Steiner had Rotundo in a sleeper hold, but somehow managed to get his shoulders to the mat, to get himself counted down... ROAD WARRIORS beat KEVIN SULLIVAN & STEVE WILLIAMS when HAWK pinned Sullivan... MICHAEL HAYES beat RUSSIAN ASSASSIN #2... STING beat BUTCH REED... JIM CORNETTE & MIDNIGHT EXPRESS beat PAUL E DANGEROUSLY, JACK VICTORY & RANDY ROSE when Rose was pinned, forcing him to leave the NWA... New to the NWA are DANNY SPIVEY, as a new VARSITY CLUB member... SCOTT STEINER is in to help his brother Rick... THE SAMOAN SWAT TEAM who are Paul E Dangerously's new team... VINCE YOUNG is a newcomer, who I know very little about... Leaving the area are the COMMANDOS, who are going to Florida... JJ DILLON, who has become a WWF agent... TONY SCHIAVONE, who joins the WWF announcing crew... HIRO MATSUDA is the new manager of the WINDHAMS, Ric Flair and Butch Reed... EDDIE GILBERT & MISSY HYATT will begin managing the STEINERS... DICK MURDOCH is staying with the NWA. I think that he is very ineffective as a face though... The NWA will be running opposition to WrestleMania on WTBS with Flair vs Steamboat on top...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

Everyone knows the WrestleMania 5 headline by now, but I feel that I should do a little commentary here on the other matches that are tentatively scheduled... The HULK HOGAN vs RANDY SAVAGE thing is being done really well. I want to pick Savage, but Hulk should win... I am looking for the POWERS OF PAIN & MR FUJI to beat DEMOLITION for the tag titles... THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR should beat RICK RUDE. They need to get this belt to someone with talent – but that's not Rude... ANDRE THE GIANT will beat JAKE ROBERTS, and will obviously start a feud with BIG JOHN DUD... THE BRAIN BUSTERS vs STRIKE FORCE will be great, with ARN & TULLY winning... BAD NEWS BROWN will beat HACKSAW DUGGAN... HERCULES will beat KING HAKU... DINO BRAVO & RONNIE GARVIN will go to a double DQ... The BUSHWACKERS will beat the ROUGEAUS in a silly match... RED ROOSTER will beat BOBBY HEENAN... CURT HENNIG will beat BLUE BLAZER OWEN HART in a good match... THE HART FOUNDATION will beat GREG VALENTINE & HONKYTONK MAN... and TED DIBIASE will retain his Million Dollar Belt against his yet to be named opponent, most likely BRUTUS BEEFCAKE... Celebrities will include BOB EUCKER, RODDY PIPER, MORTON DOWNY JR, and RUN DMC... The WWF has been doing great live gates, selling out most arenas, both to see Randy Savage, and to see Hulk Hogan...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

RON RITCHIE has returned to the area and has started a feud with LETHAL LARRY CAMERON... The BRITISH BULLDOGS returned from a moderately successful tour of Japan to a small crowd in Calgary. The days of the Bulldog's drawing power in Calgary may be over, unless they can run some hot angles, to allow the fans to believe that the local wrestlers even have a chance against them... GREAT GAMA is feuding with CHRIS BENOIT... DON MURACO will not be returning. They will most likely hold a tournament for the title... BRIAN PILLMAN will be returning, after the NWA decided not to use him ( dumb move, eh! )... JERRY MORROW & CUBAN ASSASSIN are on a South African tour... THE POWER TWINS were not all that impressive to me... JOHNNY SMITH has certainly ballooned over the 225 weight limit for lightheavyweights!... The Bulldogs went to a 30-minute draw with the ROCK'n'ROLL EXPRESS at an All-Japan TV taping in Kansas City. The Bulldogs played heels...

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS is back and has started a feud with KULKA BADER, who years ago wrestled as PRECIOUS PETER FLOWERS. They are not legit brothers though... MICHELLE STARR returned after leaving town... SCOTTY THE BODY is a newcomer with experience... Also new are DR BOB BROWN, the MAD TRAPPER and ROBOTRON... JOE KAGEL is said to be returning... NEIL DRUMMOND is managing again, and has the OLYMPIAN, Scotty the Body and ROCKY DELLASERRA in his stable... THE FROG is feuding with BUDDY WAYNE... JONATHON SAYERS has been suspended ( again! )...

## Rasslin' Results

**WWF TORONTO**
**FEBRUARY 19, 1989 2 pm**

Andre the Giant beat Jake Roberts. President Jack Tunney came out early to promise Andre a fine if he didn't lock up with Roberts... King Haku beat Jim Powers... Brutus Beefcake beat Rick Rude... Brain Busters beat the Rockers... Greg Valentine beat Jim Neidhart... Koko B Ware beat Nikolai Volkoff... Blue Blazer beat Danny Davis... Paul Roma beat Jose Estrada...

**WWF KITCHENER FEBRUARY 19th 8 pm**

Ravishing Rick Rude beat Jake Roberts by DQ when Snake hit the referee. Roberts got the best reception of the night and snaked Rude after the match.. Rockers beat Brain Busters in the best match of the night. These teams just work great together... Brutus Beefcake beat King Haku... Jim Neidhart beat Greg Valentine... Koko B Ware beat Danny Davis... Nikolai Volkoff beat Jim Powers... Blue Blazer beat Conquisador #1... Paul Roma beat Jose Estrada... Notes: Estrada worked twice, once in the suit... They did an in ring interview with Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson early in the night... The crew worked earlier in Toronto. It was nice to see a different set-up to the matches, and different results from the duplicated matches... I also heard rumour of a possible falling out between Canadian promoter Jack Tunney and WWF kingpin Vince McMahon over the sale of WWF merchandise at Canadian shows...

## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

March 5 – WWF Hamilton
March 5 – WWF London
April 2 – WrestleMania Everywhere
April 23 – WWF Toronto

## BLAST FROM THE PAST

WRESTLING TODAY IN PERSPECTIVE WITH THE PAST
by: HOWDY DOODY

## 25 years ago....

One of the greatest drawing cards in 1964 was JOHNNY VALENTINE of Hobart, WA. His career started in boxing. While working out in a gym, he was noticed by former world wrestling champ, WLADEK ZBYSZKO. Wladek convinced him to try wrestling. Under tutelage from STANLEY & Wladek Zbyszko, Valentine trained at their Missouri Farm. His first bout was in 1947 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Shortly thereafter, he became Central and South American champion. In 1955-56, he held the California title after beating BUDDY ROGERS. He also held the Canadian title in 56 & 57. Valentine became the U.S.champ in 1958 by defeating VERNE GAGNE in two straight falls, at the end of an elimination tournament, held in Chicago. He broke many legs with his 'Figure Four' and broke many heads with his 'Brain Buster.' A great and talented wrestler, the Valentine name continues today with Greg 'the Hammer'.

Another wrestler who got his start in South America was the popular wrestler JOHNNY KOSTAS "The Greek Adonis". In 1964, with nearly 20 years behind him, this bare footed wrestler was a top star all over the world. He once attracted over 50,000 fans in Sao Paulo, Brazil for a match with the reknowned Japanese star RIKIDOZAN. He even held the NWA World Champion LOU THESZ to a 90 minute draw. When Johnny Kostas retired, he opened a gym in his home town of Sao Paulo to train future wrestlers.... Adios... Howdy...

## PLUGS

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**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**
(and somewhat prophetic)
LEARNING THE ROPES announcer BIRDIE to ROBERT, LYLE ALZADO–
'You don't have to feel bad about losing to Ric Flair – nobody beats Ric Flair'
Except Rick Steamboat, eh!


# WWF WRESTLING

**SUN., FEB. 19 – 8:00 P.M.**

JAKE "THE SNAKE" ROBERTS
*vs.*
RAVISHING RICK RUDE

BRUTUS "THE BARBER" BEEFCAKE
*vs.*
KING HAKU

GREG "THE HAMMER" VALENTINE
*vs.*
JIM "THE ANVIL" NEIDHART

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*vs.*
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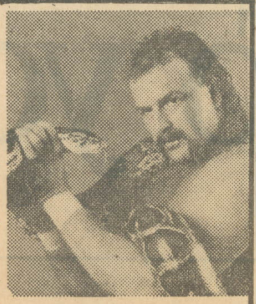

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## Me And Manitoba

## Wrestling In the Middle of Canada

**THE MANITOBA WRESTLING SCENE By: John Proden**

Manitoba is not that bad off wrestling wise. I watch all the available shows in my area, Portage la Prairie, every week, and miss nothing! The shows currently available through our cable TV are WWF Superstars, Maple Leaf (WWF), Stampede, TSN (Stampede), AWA Championship (ESPN), AWA Main Event, and Pro Wrestling Plus.

I have watched television wrestling since I was about 8 years old. I was interested previous, but when I was 5-8 years old, wrestling only came on during the week at 10 o'clock. Too late for a young gaffer! I remember hearing about such names as Whipper Billy Watson, CryBaby Cannon, Frank 'BadBoy' Shields, Sky Low Low, Little Beaver, Gene Kiniski and such.

When I was eight, I got to watch Pacific West Coast Wrestling from Vancouver. Regulars on the show were Duncan McTavish, Don Leo Jonathon, Eric Frolic, Sandor Kovacs, Doy & Doug McClardy, Gene Kiniski, Bulldog Bob Brown and Jack Benz. We also saw a very young Adrian Adonis, Guy Mitchell, 'the Stomper', masked as Mr.X, Guest appearances I remember came from the Brute (Bugsy McGraw), Dutch Savage, Dean Higuichi (Dean Ho), John Tolos, Leo (AD) Madril, and Pat Patterson. The show was hosted by Ron Morrier.

Later came the AWA, which brought regular shows to the Winnipeg Arena. The TV show features Verne Gagne, Billy Robinson, Nick Bockwinkel, Red Bastein, Ray Stevens, Baron Von Raschke, Larry Heinimi, the Crusher, Horst Hoffman, Emanuel Rodriguez, Bobby Duncum, Jake Milliman, Kenny Jay and Lord Al Hayes.

Today's live scene features the AWA every three months or so in Winnipeg. The WWF runs Winnipeg about every two months. For the upcoming WrestleMania 5 closed circuit production, they are testing other Manitoba locations, like Brandon, to see how they would draw if the WWF did come to town.

## WWF HALIFAX FEBRUARY 10, 1989

The Halifax Forum holds about 7,500 people, and it was filled beyond capacity. They started 20 minutes late. They even played the Wrestling Album for us.

1) To start it off, Paul Roma beat Boris Zukhov in a better match than expected with a dropkick off the top and a roll up for the clean pin. ( * 1/2 )

2) Honkytonk Man beat Bret Hart in another better than expected match. All kinds of heat for this one. Bret had Honky pinned; picked him up at two; Jimmy Hart gets up on the apron; Honky surprises Hart with a roll up from behind ( ** 1/2 )

3) Brutus Beefcake beat Ron Bass clean in the middle. ( ** )

4) The Brainbusters beat the Rockers in the 752nd match of their careers. Some excellent moves and some good brawling. Shawn had Tully up for a vertical suplex and Arn tripped him from outside, letting Tully get the pin. ( **** )

5) Ricky Martel beat King Haku with a roll up. A fair number of people were upset at Martel for being listed from Florida while wearing trunks with a Canadian flag on them. Very little heat in this one. ( *** 1/2 )

6) Randy Savage beat the Ultimate Warrior by countout. A lousy match with lots of heat. Savage started 50/50, and ended with less than 1000 fans in the crowd. The so called 'heroes' through around referee Korderas quite a bit. ( - ** )

**The Leighton Move with Rodney Leighton**

This report was sent to me by Rodney Leighton, of Pugwash, Nova Scotia. He is a long time wrestling fan who is starting up his own bulletin, called the Leighton Move. Some of you might remember his columns in Canadian Championship Wrestling. The Move provides interesting reading, and deals with many different wrestling subjects. It is more opinion orientated, as opposed to news. To give it a try, send $1.00 to Rodney at R.R.#3 Pugwash, Nova Scotia B0K 1L0.

## MiSc. EdiTors. nOteS

Just thought that I would let you know a few things...

First, hope that you don't mind all the stuff from the past this issue. Both columns were great, and I wanted to use both... Please give me some ideas for wrestlers to do for our ANALYSIS: LOCAL WRESTLER column... Thanks to everyone who has supported us, we're at a new high in subscriptions, both here and abroad... And to Jeff Zinger, and readers of GAG - We're #1 in Canada until you start charging for each issue...

MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

WORLD CLASS

JERRY LAWLER, the recognized World champion, is feuding with RICKY MORTON, and still wrestling KERRY VON ERICH in unification matches. Lawler brought in ROBERT GIBSON to team with him against Morton & DUTCH MANTELL. He was double whammied, and now the R&R EXPRESS are heels... WENDELL COOLEY quit the promotion, so Dutch Mantell got a hold on the CWA title... New to the areas are CORPORAL BRADDOCK, NIGHTMARE KEN WAYNE, MASTER OF PAIN, SOLOMAN GRUNDY and Jungle JIM MCPHERSON... PERCY PRINGLE is managing again... New to the area is ARMAND HUSSEIN, the new manager of KILLER TIM BROOKS... THE SAMOAN SWAT TEAM and SCOTT STEINER have left for the NWA... ICEMAN PARSONS has been fired... CHRIS ADAMS made the papers recently for allegedly beating his wife and spending some time in prison. No word yet if he will continue wrestling, though his wife will not press charges... THE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST continue to feud with BILL DUNDEE & ADRIAN STREET. The Beast recently had his head shaved... Speaking of shaved heads, DOWNTOWN BRUNO lost his hair when his was pinned by valet MISS LINDA... ERIC EMBRY, who is the current 'Mr.Superpush' in World Class, recently lost a loser leaves match to GARY YOUNG, all a part of his feud with SCANDOR AKBAR. Predictably, he is returning a la MIDNIGHT RIDER to gain justice... SHOGUN & SAMURI continue to impress with their very tight wrestling style... JIMMY JACK FUNK is still feuding with SUPER BLACK NINJA... The two regions have become very stale and unwatchable...

AWA NEWS

You can take the previous sentence, and add 'almost non-existant' to it, and get a very accurate picture of the AWA... My satellite friend says that he once got the AWA on three channels, now he doesn't get it at all. That is the AWA... LARRY ZBYSZKO is the new champion after marrying VERNE GAGNE'S daughter, KATHY, and by ousting TOM ZENK in a very boring battle royale... In that battle royale were AWA returnees Zenk, KEN PATERA and BRAD RHEINGANS, plus WWA champ MIKE GEORGE and AKIR SATO... MANNY FERNANDEZ is now 'looking after' the careers of MIKE ENOS & WAYNE BLOOM... TERRY FUNK has made some appearances for the AWA in the California area...

FL-O-RIDA Championship Wrestling

DUSTY RHODES and company have set up shop and believe themselves to be on the way to the top. They need a whole lot before they make it though... Rhodes is feuding with DICK SLATER and the STEELMAN... AL PEREZ is feuding with MIKE GRAHAM, the Florida champion... THE TERMINATOR & JOHNNY ACE are the tag champs... Also in the area are SCOTT HALL, BRETT SAWYER, STEVE KEIRN and Al Perez's brother, LOU PEREZ... GORDON SOLIE & DIAMOND DALLAS PAGE do commentary...

OTHER NEWS

Could someone please let us all know the whereabouts of the STOMPER, ARCHIE GOULDIE? Many people have been asking, and I simply don't know... MILDRED BURKE, legendary ladies wrestler, passed away this month, as did MILO STEINBORN, a wrestler from the 1920's, JOHNNY HUNTER, who promoted a bit in the Carolinas and JOHN SCHNEIDER, who wrestled in Canada as a partner to the KANGAROOS... JOSE GONZALES was aquitted on his charge of manslaughter in the death of BRUISER BRODY... MISS HONEY, the former valet of the KARACHI VICE, has taken up dancing in Toronto strip joints... And finishing off the little clothes angle, a JESSE VENTURA article will be in this month's Penthouse...

I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

THE BRITISH BULLDOGS may be NWA bound... TED TURNER is trying to get the NWA wrestlers on talk shows... TED DIBIASE's purchase of the Million Dollar Belt will lead to a bankruptcy angle and a turn of VIRGIL to good guy... The ROUGEAUS may be headed out the hard way... TERRY & DORY FUNK continue to be rumoured as Stampede bound... STING is the biggest name believed to be headed to the WWF... The WWF has plans to promote more across Canada, in smaller towns, especially out east, where a WWF show would be 'the thing to do' that night...

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# A JAR FULL OF MEMORIES

With Terry Dart

This month's recounting of history comes from the Hamilton Forum, Nov 20, 1962.

In a wild main event, great Italian mat star ILIO DEPAOLO went to a 60-minute draw with U.S.Champion JOHNNY VALENTINE. The first fall was won by Valentine with a series of elbow drops to DiPaolo's neck. DiPaulo roared back to take the second fall with an airplane spin and a powerful body scissors. For the third fall, a groggy Valentine held on for the bell to signal the end of the bout.

In a pier-six semi-final tag team bout, BILLY RED LYONS and GENTLEMAN JIM HADY beat the evil duo of SWEET DADDY SIKI and DUKE NOBLE, after Hady scored the fall with a series of flying dropkicks on Noble.

In other bouts, IVAN KALMIKOFF, the mad Russian, went to a 20 minute draw with sensational TONY MARINO.

Japanese villain TAKO SAKURO gained an upset by beating ENRIQUE TORRES of Mexico in nine minutes.

NOTES: JOHNNY VALENTINE is the father of WWFer GREG VALENTINE. He was a very tough U.S. champ who could play babyface or heel. Over his career he defeated such greats as WHIPPER WATSON, YUKON ERIC, GIANT BABA and the BEAST. He retired in the late 1960's following a place crash... ILIO DIPAOLO was an Italian star that held NWA champions LOU THESZ, DICK HUTTON and PAT O'CONNOR to one hour draws. He once teamed with Whipper Watson to win the Canadian Open Tag Team titles... SWEET DADDY SIKI was a fantastic wrestler, who still wrestles occassionally. He currently helps train wrestlers in Toronto... Siki also sings country music and sounds a lot like Charlie Pride... DUKE NOBLE was a muscular black wrestler with very little ability in the ring. He could be compared to VIRGIL of today, as he often managed Siki... JIM HADY once held the International tag belts with Johnny Valentine. He died at an early age from a heart attack following a one hour draw with GENE KINISKI in Hawaii... BILLY RED LYONS was known as the uncrowned British champion. He can now be seen hosting the WWF Maple Leaf Wrestling... TONY MARINO wrestled as BATMAN in Pittsburgh and as the CAPED CRUSADER in Toronto... ENRIQUE TORRES often teamed with his brothers ALBERTO & RAMON...

# NORM McEUOY'S FAVORITE WRESTLERS

RIC FLAIR - the name says it all

BULLDOG BROWER - one seriously deranged individual my mother didn't want me watching him, so naturally I did

STING - 'Ya know, Rossy! It's just one of those things!' Sting was a windfall find for the NWA, and they have just begun to tap his potential

RICK STEAMBOAT - always a class act who has given many classic matches

THE BRITISH BULLDOGS - Still a good team dispite injuries. Pound for pound, two of the toughest men anywhere.

THE JUMPING BOMB ANGELS - a pair of Japanese girls who are cute, talented and vicious. I like that in a woman.

TERRY FUNK - the man who is middle aged and crazy. I can relate to that. Terry is a talent that goes beyond words.

JAGUAR YOKOTA - another Japanese girl who many say is the best women's wrestler ever. See the tapes of her in action, and you'll see why.

ROWDY RODDY PIPER - A catalyst and disturber everywhere he went. Anyone who hates Mr.T is fine by me.

OWEN HART - A total package that Titan totally misuses.

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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

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Commonwealth – Chris Benoit

## EDITORIAL

APRIL 1989
by: Greg Oliver

**THANK YOU. THANK YOU.**

This has been the most unbelievable month. Thank you to both ED WHALEN and PRO WRESTLING PLUS and NORM DA COSTA at the Toronto Star for giving us great plugs this month.

To all our new subscribers, welcome. Sorry I couldn't send a greeting, there were just too many of you.

We now mail out close to 200 issues each month, and will continue to grow with your help. Show a friend the WR. Get them to subscribe. Thank you.

I think that as Canadian wrestling fans, we need to make ourselves known. We need a mass letter writing to **TSN, The Sports Network at 1155 Leslie St., Toronto, M3C 2J6.** Convince them to pick up the NWA and drop the AWA. Explain to them the merits of such a move. They already deal with TBS on a regular basis for basketball, why not wrestling?

Write the **NWA., One CNN Centre, P.O.Box 105366, Atlanta GA., 30348-5366.** Address it to JIM HERD or JACK PETRIK. Convince them of the merits of getting on TSN, Canada's national sports network, and the potential Canadian market.

I hope that you will take the time to write. Stampede wrestling is great – and Canadian, but if TSN wants another wrestling show, SAY :

"No to the AWA, Yes to the NWA."

## HULK HOGAN

**New WWF World Champion**

It made a lot of people happy. Good won over evil. HULK HOGAN did beat RANDY SAVAGE to win the WWF title at Wrestle Mania 5. As if you didn't know...

Hulk won with his famous comeback and legdrop. He had taken a bad beating, and was even cut open, but HULK RULES, don't you know...

Maybe you can tell, I'm not a Hogan fan. I never will be. But to give him his due, he can draw the fans and make the money that makes the WWF go.

And he's the champion again.

I'm just SO excited.....

## RAVISHING RICK RUDE

**Intercontinental Champion**

Ravishing RICK RUDE was the unexpected winner at WM5 by beating the ULTIMATE WARRIOR with a little help from BOBBY HEENAN to win the WWF's 'other' title.

I don't think that Rude was the best man to give the title to, but I do believe that it was necessary to get the belt off of the Warrior. He is simply too artificially created and has no wrestling skills whatsoever. Rude is an okay worker, who can rile up a crowd when he tries.

I'd expect Rude to hold the title until SummerSlam.

## DAVEY BOY SMITH

**North American Champion**

DAVEY BOY SMITH defeated the MAGNIFICENT MURACO on March 24th in Calgary to win the North American title. Muraco played it heel, unlike his last appearance here, when he feuded with MAKHAN SINGH..

Don't expect Muraco back for re-matches, though. Smith's challenges will come from LARRY CAMERON, Makhan Singh, and newcomer HARLEY RACE.

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## NWA PRO WRESTLING

The winds of change are here again, as the firing of GEORGE SCOTT as booker overshadows the NWA's April 2nd free show on TBS. For now, booking will be done by commitee. The main reason was his inability to heavily promote the free show which was called The Rajun Cajun Clash. It saw RICK STEAMBOAT beat RIC FLAIR to retain the NWA World title in 54:36 in a best out of three falls match. Many former NWA champions, such as HARLEY RACE, LOU THESZ, TERRY and DORY FUNK, BUDDY ROGERS, GENE KINISKI, PAT O'CONNOR were in attendance... MIKE ROTUNDO & STEVE WILLIAMS upset the ROAD WARRIORS to win the NWA tag team titles when referee TEDDY LONG fast counted. Look for him to become a heel manager now... EDDIE GILBERT & RICK STEINER beat DAN SPIVEY & KEVIN SULLIVAN to retain the U.S. tag belts... Newcomer RANGER ROSS beat the IRON SHIEK by DQ when RIP MORGAN interfered... BOB ORTON JR beat DICK MURDOCH with help from GARY HART... JUNKYARD DOG beat BUTCH REED... THE GREAT MUTA beat STEVE CASEY... SAMOAN SWAT TEAM beat MIDNIGHT EXPRESS... Changes in the NWA... STING beat MIKE ROTUNDO for the TV title... The Midnight Express & JIM CORNETTE are leaving due to a contract disagreement... JACK VICTORY is PAUL E DANGEROUSLY's bodyguard, and is feuding with RANDY ROSE... SHANE DOUGLAS has returned... RON SIMMONS has turned bad... Junkyard Dog may be gone... LANCE RUSSELL is a new announcer... MICHAEL HAYES turned bad in a tag match with LEX LUGER. He is now doing colour commentary again with JIM ROSS... The Great Muto (KEIJO MUTO) is being billed as the son of KABUKI... MISSY HYATT has returned to manage the FIRST FAMILY, with Eddie Gilbert, Rick Steiner, and newcomer DOUG GILBERT... BRIAN PILLMAN and TOM PRITCHARD are both in... VINCE YOUNG is gone...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

Other than WrestleMania 5, which has its own page, the WWF does not have much to report... HULK HOGAN is once again WWF Champion, and will feud with RANDY SAVAGE over the summer. His movie, NO HOLDS BARRED, will be released in August.. Post WrestleMania firings include SAM HOUSTON, The CONQUISTADORS - JOSE LUIS RIVERA & JOSE ESTRADA, RON BASS, NIKOLAI VOLKOFF, BORIS ZUKHOV, SCOTT CASEY, DANNY DAVIS, FRENCHY MARTIN - and maybe more... JIMMY SUPERFLY SNUKA is back with the WWF... Canadian JOHN TENTA, the current UWA champ, was given a tryout at a recent WWF TV taping... LEAPING LANNY POFFO has turned bad, and now reads poetry that favours the bad guys... KING HAKU was arrested a few days prior to WM5 for starting a brawl in a bar... The TWIN TOWERS will be feuding with DEMOLITION... The BRAIN BUSTERS appear headed to a feud with the BUSHWACKERS... Let's hope they don't re-unite RICKY MARTEL & DINO BRAVO. Martel needs to shine, and can't with a stiff like Bravo... TED DIBIASE should have a good feud with JAKE 'the Snake' ROBERTS...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

DAVEY BOY SMITH won the North American title from DON MURACO on March 24th in Calgary. His partner DYNAMITE KID has undergone shoulder surgery, and announced his retirement... CHRIS BENOIT & BULLDOG BOB BROWN are involved in a hot feud. I like the angles they have set up around this one, where the announcer, Brown, interferes in Benoit's matches... SUMA HARA is a newcomer who was known in Japan as TATSUMI KITAHARA... Manager RONALD J TRUMP is gone, so LETHAL LARRY CAMERON is now with KARACHI VICE... BRIAN PILLMAN will feud with JOHNNY SMITH before he leaves for the NWA... STEVE BLACKMAN makes a great heel, and is so much better in the ring now, that I am beginning to enjoy his matches... RON RITCHIE appears a little overweight to me, and has trouble keeping up the pace... HARLEY RACE is in to challenge Davey Boy for the title... WOLVERINE EDDIE WATTS of Tomko fame is being given a shot here...

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

The pace has picked up here with DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS turning heel. He almost makes this show watchable... The ladies, IRON MAIDEN & STACEY JACKSON are back... MOOSE MOROWSKI made his annual appearance to promoter his annual charity sports event... JOHN TENTA is the UWA champ... PAT BRADY is back... The stuff piledriver executed on the FROG by IVAN GORKI, MICHELLE STARR & Flowers was very convincing... KULKA BADER is a good guy, and has been teaming with the Frog... THE ROBOTRON is RANDY TYLER... SCOTTY THE BODY was good while he was here...

# BLAST FROM THE PAST

WRESTLING TODAY IN PERSPECTIVE WITH THE PAST

by: HOWDY DOODY

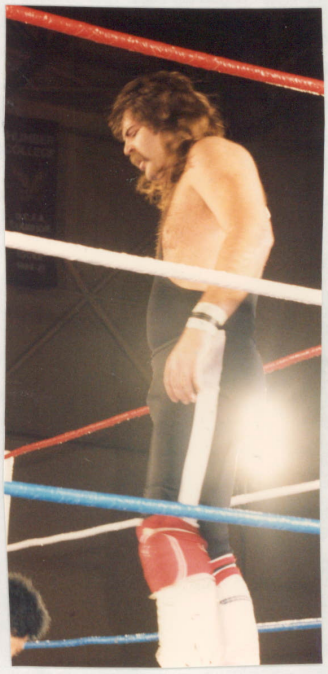
I will start this month's "Blast from the Past" on a reply to editor Greg Oliver's "Misc.Editor's Notes" from last issue. I hope that you don't mind reading about the past. It was just a fluke that Terry and I wrote about Johnny Valentine at the same time. We are 3,000 miles apart and have never met or corresponded with each other, but it seems Terry and I respect the same old time wrestlers who make many of the new breed of wrestlers pale in comparison. I will keep pumping out the past if it is okay with you. Let Greg know...

Anyway, this month my topic is the GREAT ANTONIO, a long haired, bearded 6'4", 450 pound giant. In 1964, Antonio was a big hit all over the world. The 'Original Andre' thrilled the people of the Orient with his handicapped matches against five or six wrestlers, usually chained around the neck. Wherever he went, he put on public displays of amazing strength. I once saw him pull five bus loads of people down 41st Avenue in Vancouver. He pulled one bus load with his hair alone! Later that evening, he wrestled and defeated a 650 pound bear before 10,000 spectators. The 35 year old Antonio and wife Janie ( no Slim Jim herself ) called Montreal home, where they owned a string of apartments and taverns. Antonio can very easily be compared to Andre the Giant. Both own Montreal restaurants and both were nearly unbeatable, but never held a major title. What's Antonio doing today? I don't know, but he's probally drinking the majority of the beer in his tavern!

Adios... Howdy.

ANALYSIS: THE LOCAL WRESTLER

## TURBO NED TYSON



Young TURBO TED TYSON ( TNT ), has recently burst onto the Ontario mat scene, Turbo admits he is hungry for action and makes it clear that he is willing to wrestle ANYONE - ANYWHERE - ANYTIME! He boasts, "Watch out when I come to your town; I'm turbocharged and ready to put some hurtin' on any opponent you put in the ring."... Tyson has been wrestling for a couple of years now. He was trained by the capable PAT 'The Animal' SCOTT in Toronto. A refreshing fact about Turbo is that he always had the grappling game as his focus. He is NO football or bodybuilding reject; he is a wrestler. "Greg Valentine, Bob Orton and Ric Flair are the kind of competitors that I admire. They're tough, but still show true wrestling skill. That's my style too man!"... Tyson lists MANDINGO WARRIOR and JOHNNY K-9 as his toughest opponents. "Early on in my career, K-9 shattered a pane of glass by using my head as a battering ram. I'd love some revenge now."... Young Ned doesn't get pushed around anymore. He attributes his newfound success to experience and a great new tag team partner, MAD DOG REX. In fact, they recently won the Niagara Exhibition Wrestling tag team belts. The future seems bright for this promising star...

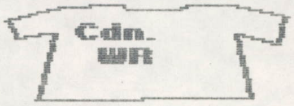
(Turbo Ned is a former student of writer Jim Connolly.)

## ?? Asking and ?? Answering

This is your chance to get your question answered. I certainly don't know all the answers, so I will ask you to help us out.

This will be a semi-regular column to fill in space... As asked last issue - where is STOMPER ARCHIE GOULDIE? The last our historian Howdy Doody heard, Archie Goldie was retired following an accident and living in the Virginas or Carolinas. Another letter from Harry Forest of Alberta said that he lives on a ranch in Alberta. ED WHALEN - please help us out!... Does anyone know the whereabouts of All-Star Vancouver graduates JOHN QUINN and STEVEN LITTLE BEAR?... Does BULLWHIP DANNY JOHNSON still wrestle? Yes, he recently appeared on a show in Hamilton (see Other News)... Is anyone going to the April 23rd WWF Toronto show? I am looking for a good report of the Hogan / Savage match.

Is there interest out there for a Canadian Wrestling Report T-Shirt? Depending on how many we'd get, the cost would be around $10.00. Please let me know if you're interested, along with suggestions for the T-shirts themselves...



MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

WORLD CLASS

These regions are reeling from a couple of key losses, the biggest of which was announcer LANCE RUSSELL to the NWA. Russell was a CWA announcer for over 30 years... Also gone are BILL DUNDEE who is the new CWF booker, JIMMY GOLDEN, who quit while he held a share in both the World Class and CWA tag titles. SUPER BLACK NINJA (KEIJI MUTO) is gone to the NWA. ADRIAN STREET and the ROCK'n'ROLL EXPRESS are also gone... Newcomers include ACTION JACKSON and the DREAM WEAVER... TOMMY RICH, AUSTIN IDOL, and JIMMY VALIANT have made a few appearances... JOHN PAUL and TRACY SMOTHERS, the 'Mason-Dixon Connection', won the CWA tag belts in a tournament... JEFF JARRETT beat DUTCH MANTELL for the CWA title... JERRY LAWLER still holds the Unified title and plans to defend it in Japan and the CWF area... BUDDY LANDELL is said to be coming in to feud with Lawler... STEVE & SHAUN SIMPSON have returned to the World Class area under manager PERCY PRINGLE... BEAUTY & the BEAST won a tournament for the newly created World Class tag titles... KERRY VON ERICH & JEFF JARRETT hold the World Class World tag team titles, which they won from ROBERT FULLER, and Jimmy Golden... The MASKED MACHINES I & II are a take off on the old MR WRESTLING I & II. Under the hoods are SCOTT STEINER & Dream Weaver... GARY YOUNG won the Texas title from BRICKHOUSE BROWN... Robert Fuller has put a bounty of Jeff Jarrett, now that he is CWA champ. BRODY CHASE, former NWA jobber, is in to try and collect...

AWA NEWS

A subscriber asked for me to do more AWA news. If they had any, I'd report it... BRAD RHEINGANS & KEN PATERA, the Olympians, beat BADD COMPANY, PAT TANAKA & PAUL DIAMOND, when Rheingans pinned Diamond. There also appeared to be a breakup of Badd Co... LARRY ZBYSZKO is still the champ, and has defended against SGT SLAUGHTER and WAHOO MCDANIEL. He still uses the TV title as the glorious World title belt... COLONEL DEBEERS is feuding with DERRICK DUKES...

FL-O-RIDA Championship Wrestling

This promotion, now run by DUSTY RHODES, is called the PWF, the Professional Wrestling Federation... Rhodes is feuding with BAM BAM BIGELOW & the STEELMAN... He is also PWF champ... The Florida champion is AL PEREZ, who beat MIKE GRAHAM... The tag champs are JOHNNY ACE & TERMINATOR, who are brothers of ROAD WARRIOR ANIMAL. They are feuding with the NASTY BOYS... In the area are: TERRY FUNK, who is feuding with DUSTIN RHODES... BRETT SAWYER, who is known as the BUBBLE GUM KID... The ITALIAN STALLION & DICK SLATER... BOBBY JAGGERS & BLACK BART who are Southern Force... STEVE KEIRN & SCOTT HALL are a team... JIMMY BACKLUND is the PWF Junior champion...

OTHER NEWS

MIKE KELLY & JOHNNY K-9 promoted a card in Hamilton on March 17th? in conjunction with the local Lions Club. On the card was the MISSING LINK, sometimes known as DEWEY ROBERTSON, his son JASON STERLING, and locals RICKY JOHNSON, MAD DOG REX, CHICO FERNANDEZ, BULLWHIP JOHNSON, plus midgets LITTLE JOHN & FARMER PETE. Does anyone known anything about STEVE OCEANSIDE, who wrestled in the main event there?... Famed Houston promoter PAUL BOESCH died this month... Locally, the TORONTO SUN keeps writing about "mega-promoter" AARON WEISS. Straight off the press release stuff. Weiss is an obnoxious kid about my age (18) who wants to run wrestling. You may remember him from a brief stay on MILT AVRUSKIN's AWA show. His parents have money and TV connections, so maybe, he'll get off the ground in Ontario...

I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

Ex WWFer SAM HOUSTON may once again shine in the NWA as lead jobber... Heading out to Grand Prix in the Maritimes this summer are me, JOHNNY SMITH, and BULLDOG BOB BROWN... RODDY PIPER has been offered a spot on FNN/Score for a 'Piper's Pit'... PHIL WATSON, son of WHIPPER BILL WATSON, may be interested in taking over the late WILDMAN DAVE MCKIGNEY's summer wrestling circuit...

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# WRESTLEMANIA 5

# A CANADIAN PERSPECTIVE

**With Jim & John Lambert of Port Colborne, Ont.,**

On April 2nd, the WWF flexed its muscles in their biggest extravaganza to date. Trump Plaza in Atlantic City was the host of WM5 and it was our distinct pleasure to cover the entire weekend exclusively for the Canadian Wrestling Report.

Flying into Atlantic City on the Friday Night, it was obvious that the Mega Power explosion had captured the city. Billboards, newspapers, and all radio and television stations in the area had saturated the city with all the hype and hoopla it could handle. You could tell that it was to become one of the largest grossing wrestling events of all time.

In this report, we will attempt to show you not just the results, but the experiences and the people that made our weekend.

**Looking Around the Hype And Hoopla**

Reebok shoe company is now a corporate sponsor of the WWF, and they can even fit ANDRE THE GIANT. We spotted Andre in the Plaza with the largest pair of Reeboks we have ever seen!... GEORGE 'the Animal' STEELE was on hand, and we talked with him for several minutes. He is doing great... With our undercover camera, we spotted Outlaw RON BASS leaving Trump Plaza with former ladies champ SHERRI MARTEL.... Normally faultless WWF ring announcer HOWARD FINKLE announced KING HAKU as KING TONGA... Haku carries around his crown in a cardboard box, with "Haku" sloppily scribbled in magic marker... TED DIBIASE felt right at home, surrounded by beautiful women. In the absence of VIRGIL, Andre the Giant provided the needed protection. But why did Andre need an escort?... ARN ANDERSON of the Brain Busters stayed two rooms down from us. He was overheard telling a hotel maid that he wasn't a wrestler... An irate JACQUES ROUGEAU exploded at hotel management when no room was reserved for him on his arrival Friday night... We met up with the intimidating duo of CURT HENNIG and the BIG BOSSMAN in an elevator after the show... HACKSAW JIM DUGGAN entered with his 2x4 totally protected in a customized leather bound carrying case... Everything was very hush-hush about the appearance of SUPERFLY SNUKA. No one knew that he was around until the big show started... Trump Plaza staff were involved in some heavy gambling themselves. Ringside seats were changing hands like musical chairs, while ushers accepted bribes from potential customers.... The Calgary based HART FAMILY was well represented at WM5, with OWEN HART under the mask facing Curt Hennig, and BRET HART teaming with brother-in-law JIM NEIDHART. Also on hand was father and Stampede promoter STU HART. We met up with him. "I'm proud of my boys, and I hope they do well today," boasted Stu. The short time we spent with this Canadian wrestling legend was refreshing in an atmosphere where most of the WWF stars refused to comment. Thanks Stu!...

## The Results

HULK HOGAN beat RANDY SAVAGE in 17:34 to recapture the WWF World Title. Partway through the match, ELIZABETH was ordered from ringside. She is set to make her decision as to which corner she will stay soon... RAVISHING RICK RUDE beat the ULTIMATE WARRIOR to win the Intercontinental title when BOBBY HEENAN pulled the Warrior's leg out from under him... DEMOLTION beat the POWERS OF PAIN & MR FUJI when Fuji accidentally threw powder in the WARLORD's eyes... RED ROOSTER beat Bobby Heenan, and then was attacked by the BROOKLYN BRAWLER... BAD NEWS BROWN went to a double DQ with HACKSAW JIM DUGGAN... The HART FOUNDATION beat HONKYTONK MAN & GREG VALENTINE when Bret hit Honky with the megaphone... JAKE ROBERTS beat ANDRE THE GIANT by DQ when Andre began fighting referee JOHN STUDD. TED DIBIASE also tried to steal DAMIEN... TULLY BLANCHARD & ARN ANDERSON beat RICK MARTEL & TITO SANTANA. Martel left Santana partway through the match... DINO BRAVO beat RONNIE GARVIN. JIMMY SNUKA was introduced before this match... CURT HENNIG beat BLUE BLAZER... The BUSHWACKERS beat the ROUGEAUS... TED DIBIASE vs BRUTUS BEEFCAKE ended in a double countout in a very good match... The TWIN TOWERS beat the ROCKERS in an exciting match... HERCULES beat KING HAKU in the opener... In the PIPER'S PIT segment, BROTHER LOVE lost his kilt and ran off in his red undies. This left Piper to square off against MORTON DOWNEY JR. Piper became irritated by Downey's cigarette, and sprayed him with a fire extinguisher...

So WrestleMania is over for another year. The WWF will take their week vacation. Old faces will be gone. New faces will be coming in. The next question is – What can they do to top the excitement of the match Hogan / Savage next year?

## Editor's Notes

I would like to thank Jim & John Lambert for the WM5 report. I didn't see the show, and really didn't want to either... Thank you to the readers for being patient for this issue. It has been a busy month...

## Rasslin' Results

**WWF HAMILTON**
**MARCH 5, 1989 2 pm**
**WWF LONDON**
**MARCH 5, 1989 8 pm**

Same show. Different location... Randy Savage beat Bad News Brown in a cage. For a main event with the cage gimmick, it was pitiful. DUD... Bushwackers beat Rougeaus. No wrestling, but funny as hell. Butch & Luke are a pair of loose wires that the fans have really taken to (**1/2)... Honkytonk Man beat Bret Hart with help from Jimmy Hart. Once again, Bret carried the bum. (*1/2)... Ron Garvin beat Boris Zukhov. Little wrestling, lots of slaps (1/2*)... John Studd DCOR Akeem. Akeem is good for a 400 pound elephant, but against Studd, this was atrocious. DUD... Sam Houston beat Jose Estrada. Both guys worked hard, but got nowhere for their troubles (**1/2)... Jim Powers beat Conquistador Luis (*)... King Haku beat Tito Santana using the ropes (*1/2)...

## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

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| May 1 | – | WWF Hamilton |
| May 2 | – | WWF Cornwall |

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## CREATIVE CORNER

The other day, while reading another newsletter, the Pro Wrestling Torch, I got to thinking about foreign objects that could be used in the ring. That led me to the creation of a new wrestler who would be perfect for the Stampede area.

My new heel, to feud with Brian Pillman, would be the Goalie.

He would dress up in goalie equipment and wear one of those old painted goalie masks. If you used removable crayon or paint on the mask, then he could be nicknamed the 'Goalie of 1,000 masks.' I can picture him coming to the ring, swinging his goalie stick at the crowd like Ron Hextall. When he gets to the ring, he goes through an elaborate undressing, something like Goldie Rogers. This could really get the fans riled up.

He wrestles in a pair of long underwear. The Goalie will wrestle in an unorthodox style, flip-flopping here and there to catch his opponent off guard. This style would work great with Stampede stars like Wellington, Benoit and Pillman.

The key to the Goalie's success will be his foreign objects. His goalie stick will always be in reach, while concealed in his trunks will be hockey tape, a puck and some hockey cards.

They could give him a manager too, naming him Glen Slather to get great heat in Calgary. Angles could be run around Jergen Herrman's whistle, with the Goalie thinking it is time to rest when it is blown. They could also bring back Jason the Terrible for the evil battle of goalie masks...

And that's my creation for the month...

**The Pro Wrestling Torch** is the great newsletter I mentioned. It is $1.25 U.S., from Wade Keller, P.O.Box 201844 Minneapolis, MN 55420. Check it out!

## The Masked Critic

introducing From Parts Unknown... A writer gone bad...

What the hell is Owen Hart doing as the Blue Blazer? How many times does he have to beat Danny 'Nobody' Davis? You're going nowhere in the WWF Owen - move on!... How about new AWA Champ Larry Nabicoo winning the crowd by tossing out Tom Zaro? I wish he could wrestle as good as he could talk. To see him one on one in commentary with Makhan Singh - it would be better than a wrestling match... it's about time the Power Twits move on to Tomko, they have no future in Stampede, except for cleaning the corrals... Did you notice that Frito Santana is winning most of his matches again?... Greg Valentine should move on like Don Muraco and become a star again... I hope two of the greatest wrestlers of all time, Terry & Dory Funk, come to Stampede as rumoured - them and the Bulldogs would be great and throw in the Rock'n'Roll Exlax as an angle for champions. And I'll leave Dustin Rhodes for next time.. Mysteriously Yours "The Masked Critic"....

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## EDITORIAL

For the month of MAY 1989

**THE CANADIAN HEEL**

The other day, my brother, who is not a big wrestling fan, commented on the turn of RICK MARTEL, "Are all the Canadians bad now?" Good question.

I can't say that I understand VINCE MCMAHON's reasoning in having the Canadians as heels. We give him good business all across Canada, and all he does is insult our heritage.

The ROUGEAUS, DINO BRAVO and Martel now make up the more notable Canadian heels.

The Rougeaus I can understand as heels. They are very obnoxious and I love their 'All American Boys' attitude.

Dino Bravo on the other hand is useless. The U.S. was never at war with Quebec. Bravo couldn't even get good heat in the parts of Canada that are 'negative' towards Quebec and their 'notwithstanding' outlook on their presence in the constitution.

Martel may make a good heel, but not with SLICK as his manager.

The good guy side sees no heavily pushed Canadian. BRET HART is there, but gets no recognition for being from the North. And does anyone care where OWEN HART is from, now that he's the jobber BLUE BLAZER? IRON MIKE SHARPE is probally the best known Canadian, stemming from his 'Canada's Greatest Athlete' routine.

I don't know what makes us so bad...

## STING

**NWA TV CHAMPION**

As many would say, it is about time that STING was featured in a champion's report. For the last year, Sting has been with the NWA as probally their most popular wrestler. His feud with RIC FLAIR was very well received and positioned him at the top of the NWA. He then feuded with BARRY WINDHAM in an attempt to win the U.S.title. He also teamed with a variety of partners, going after the various tag titles. But up until late March, Sting had yet to win any NWA title.

At the first ever tapings of the WTBS NWA show at the new Centre Stage arena in Atlanta, Sting beat Mike Rotundo in a great match that went 16:28.

A new era now begins for Sting, who many have been heralding as a future superstar. I think that Sting is a great choice as TV champion, he can get the TV audience revved up and put on a good show. They have set up a feud between Sting and the IRON SHIEK though. It will not help him get over as champ by battling the relics of the past. He needs to fight up and comers like SHANE DOUGLAS and BRIAN PILLMAN. Hopefully, they will let Sting shine, not be forced into a secondary position.

## MASTER OF PAIN

**CWA/WCCW/CWF Unified Champion**

The MASTER OF PAIN is a relative rookie that upset JERRY LAWLER to win the Unified title in Memphis on the April 1st TV show. The title change has just been recognized in Memphis, as Lawler still defends the title in World Class and the Continental area.

Master of Pain became champ through the devious masterminding of heel commentator RONALD GOSSETT and with help at ringside from DUTCH MANTELL.

Look for Lawler to regain the belt soon.

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MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

WORLD CLASS

JERRY LAWLER lost the Unified title to the MASTER OF PAIN in Memphis. Lawler continues to defend the title in World Class against KERRY VON ERICH though... Lawler & JEFF JARRETT are scheduled to tour the Continental area... RONALD GOSSETT, announcer turned manager, has interfered in matches involving the STUD STABLE. The Stable currently consists of ROBERT FULLER, DUTCH MANTELL, ACTION JACKSON, Master of Pain, and DETROIT DEMOLITION... ERIC EMBRY returned and won the Texas title from GARY YOUNG... Going to World Class from Memphis are PHIL HICKERSON and SHOGUN & SAMURI... New are JOE DANIELS, a LARRY SHARPE trainee, and LORD HUMONGOUS... MATT BORNE is feuding with KILLER TIM BROOKS... CHRIS VON ERICH recently did a really bad interview, announcing his intention to get into wrestling... KEVIN VON ERICH has been let go after no showing quite a few cards... BLACKJACK MULLIGAN appeared on the scene for about a week... BRIAN LEE turned heel in a 'Rage in a Cage' match in Memphis... DIRTY WHITE BOY TONY ANTHONY has come to the CWA... JED GRUNDY, DREAM WEAVER, BOTSWANI BEAST and SCOTT STEINER are gone... BRICKHOUSE BROWN has turned bad again, and teamed up with SCANDOR AKBAR... AUSTIN IDOL has returned to feud with Jerry Lawler again...

# AWA NEWS

LARRY ZBYSKO, AWA champion, and WENDI RICHTER, AWA Ladies champ, are both scheduled to tour Florida... They have brought in a few new faces to help their TV show... THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS & JIM CORNETTE are being plugged as coming in... GREG GAGNE has been feuding with AKIO SATO... JOHNNY VALIANT has come to the AWA as a manager / announcer / wrestler... MANNY FERNANDEZ is gone... A match is scheduled between DERRICK DUKES vs COLONEL DEBEERS where the winner gets to paint the other white, or black... SCOTT NORTON is a rookie newcomer... The AWA has Northern Ontario shows scheduled for this month...

FL-O-RIDA Championship Wrestling

DUSTY RHODES has centred himself in a feud with TERRY FUNK, before Funk leaves for the NWA... LARRY ZBYSZKO will defend the AWA title against MIKE GRAHAM... MANNY FERNANDEZ is in and is feuding with STEVE KEIRN & Dusty... STEELMAN has been in taped fist matches against DICK SLATER... SOUTHERN FORCE - BLACK BART & BOBBY JAGGERS, hold the tag titles... The COMMANDOS - RAY CANDY & GRIZZLY BOONE have a $1000 Slam Challenge out and are feuding with the NASTY BOYS...

OTHER NEWS

Locally, JOHNNY k-9 & MIKE KELLY, are trying to put together a regular circuit. More details to follow... AARON WEISS claims to be starting up in September, using 'his' girls, and outside talent... RAY WHEBBE promotes the 2nd Annual Wrestle For Shelter in Minneapolis on June 24th featuring Toronto newsletter writer CIGI BRIANNE as a manager for TOM ZENK... STEVE DISALVO has been in Puerto Rico as STEVE STRONG... Legendary Japanese ladies wrestler CHIGUSA NAYAGO is retiring in May. She is currently recognized as the IWA (Stampede) ladies champion... DON OWEN's Northwest wrestling is the hottest thing going right now, with RODDY PIPER making guest appearances, and BUDDY ROSE, NORD THE BARBARIAN, BRIAN ADAMS, SCOTTY THE BODY, COLONEL DEBEERS, CARL STYLES, TOP GUN and the GRAPPLER some of the leading stars...

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

Look for the WWF to grab BARRY WINDHAM while he is available. I can see him being used as a lead heel that would upset HOGAN for the belt... JUNKYARD DOG is apparently on the ropes with the NWA again... RICKY SANTANA may be NWA bound... Everyone keeps saying that ELIZABETH is pregnant. I certainly cannot confirm it, but if I were her, I'd be concerned about my husband being faithful while travelling with the SENSATIONALLY SCARY SHERRI... The movie NO HOLDS BARRED, set to be released June 2nd, is supposed to be really bad, and it opens during the time period when blockbusters like INDIANA JONES are out...

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## Rasslin' Results

**WWF TORONTO**
**APRIL 23, 1989**
**With Norm McEvoy:**

The only time that Hogan and Savage met before in this area was October 85, when not only did they sell out MLG weeks in advance, but they filled closed circuit locations around the province. This time around, Jack Tunney was satistfied with a 18,000 seat packed house. Obviously, the crowd was psyched, as evidenced by the all the 'Hulk Rules' t-shirts that I saw, though Savage did have his supporters.

The first match saw Greg Valentine pin the Blue Blazer using the tights. The dumb thing with Vince's use of Owen is that he is over with the fans, and could be even more... ( * 1/2 )

Dino Bravo pinned Hercules using the ropes. Herc tried, and Jimmy Hart added to the procedings, but... ( 1/2 * )

Hillbilly Jim beat Honkytonk Man by DQ. These two had the best possible match they could - it didn't take place. Jimmy Hart & Honky jumped him with the megaphone. Why? ( dud )

Paul Roma beat Boris Zukhov. ( dud )

Then the main event... First out comes Mr & Mrs Outlaw Biker of the Year, Randy & Sherri. She was dressed like and undercover vicecop on a stakeout on Jarvis Street, if you get my drift. She has developped a special rapport with the fans. In the match itself, Hogan was good, Randy was great - bad elbow not withstanding. Sherri was a total bitch, slapping and choking Hulk, trying to run him into the post, and generally all the things Liz would never do ( did I mention that she wasn't there, my, my... ). The end came when they were outside the ring and Sherri jumped on Hogan's back, helping Randy to win by countout. After, Hogan rammed Sherri & Randy's heads together and chased them with the belt. ( **** for the wild action, heat, workrate and Sherri! ).

Bret Hart drew with Curt Hennig. You knew this was going to be good. Both worked hard and took some hard knocks. An old style match with high spots, working over a body part and brawling. ( *** 3/4 technically better than the main event, but less heat ).

Bushwackers beat the Brainbusters. When a great team is wasted to put over Lenny & Squiggy... ( dud )

Jake Roberts beat Ted DiBiase in the last match. If it had been anyone else but DiBiase, I would have gone home early. Ted carried him to a ( ** ).

Overall, it felt like a big time card, and the rematch is May 21st at the MLG.

## CREATIVE CORNER

The WWF is in need of a new killer heel that will challenge HULK HOGAN for the WWF title. The character, ZEUS, being brought in from the movie 'No Holds Barred', is not the answer.

They need someone who can wrestle, so I've come up with...

## THE ASSASSIN

To play the part, I would choose the ever improving STEVE BLACKMAN of Stampede fame. He would get no advance billing, nothing at all. During a Saturday Night's Main Event or PPV show, he would simply stalk Hogan from the shadows. When Hogan begins his posedown, the attack comes. Hogan will do a hospital job. Blackman will simply walk away, breathing calmly.

The attack now complete, Blackman leaves without a word. VINCE MCMAHON says "Who was that assassin?" JESSE VENTURA will respond "I don't know, but I'm glad he's on my side!"

From here, Blackman's martial arts will lay out jobber after jobber. Eventually, he begins destroying known stars, like the BLUE BLAZER, TITO SANTANA and JAKE ROBERTS. All the while, Blackman does not do interviews (he is real bad at them now). He could have a manager, but it would have to be a convincing MR.FUJI, or another 'Oriental Master'.

On the other side, each week we are given updates on Hogan's condition. For the hospital shots, he need not be a good actor, simply be in a coma the first week, the second week he wakes up, whispering vengence, etc. Then at WrestleMania 5, Hogan returns and destroys the Assassin.

Blackman can then leave forever from the WWF, and retire a rich, but sore man.

## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

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| May 7 | - | Independent Hamilton |
| May 14 | - | AWA Sault Ste Marie |
| May 15 | - | AWA Timmins |
| May 16 | - | AWA North Bay |
| May 17 | - | AWA Sudbury |
| May 21 | - | WWF Toronto |
| May 26 | - | WWF Peterbourgh |
| May 27 | - | WWF Brantford |
| May 28 | - | WWF Kingston |
| June 1 | - | WWF London |

It must be getting near summer, as the WWF and Jack Tunney execute a killer Canadian schedule this month...

## NWA PRO WRESTLING

The NWA's next Pay Per View show, called the Music City Showdown, is scheduled for May 7th from Nashville. It features all of the top feuds going including... A rematch between RIC FLAIR and RICK STEAMBOAT, with three judges, PAT O'CONNOR, TERRY FUNK and LOU THESZ at ringside. Look for Funk to get involved somehow to ruin Flair's chance at the gold... LEX LUGER will defend his U.S. title against MICHAEL HAYES... STEVE WILLIAMS & MIKE ROTUNDO defend the NWA tag belts against the ROAD WARRIORS with a special referee... EDDIE GILBERT & RICK STEINER defend the U.S.tag titles against KEVIN SULLIVAN & DAN SPIVEY... STING defends the NWA TV title against the IRON SHIEK... The SAMOAN SWAT TEAM faces the NEW GENERATION, SHANE DOUGLAS & JOHNNY ACE... THE GREAT MUTA takes on the JUNKYARD DOG... RANDY ROSE faces JACK VICTORY... and DICK MURDOCH will wrestle COWBOY BOB ORTON... All in all, it sounds like a good show, but not quite enough. They need some great angles to sell the PPV to the fans... BARRY WINDHAM is history here after being let go over a dispute over his future push. He will be headed to Florida... The MIDNIGHT EXPRESS & JIM CORNETTE are gone for now, but expect them back by the end of the year... Rick Steamboat & Lex Luger vs Ric Flair & Michael Hayes has been headlining around the country... The Great Muta looks spectacular in the ring, but the green mist is dumb... They have yet to decide what to do with BRIAN PILLMAN... LARRY CAMERON and a team called MAXIMUM OVERDRIVE have been given a try-out... TONGA, the POLYNESIAN SAVAGE is in. He was TAMA, TONGA KID, in the WWF... They have started an 'NWA Top Ten' on the brodcasts...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

HULK HOGAN vs RANDY SAVAGE has been drawing huge gates around the country. It is too bad the WWF has committed to splitting them up, putting Savage against BRUTUS BEEFCAKE, and Hogan against newcomer ZEUS... Of course, Savage is now managed by SENSATIONAL SHERRI. ELIZABETH will not be appearing with Hogan very often, and the rumours circulate as to what the WWF will be doing with her... Zeus is the character the Hulkster beats in the movie NO HOLDS BARRED, scheduled for release June 2. He is apparently just a former bodyguard with no wrestling skills at all... The CURT HENNIG vs BRET HART feud has taken off, with great matches as a direct result... The TWIN TOWERS, BIG BOSSMAN and AKEEM, will have the WWF tag titles very soon... SLICK is now managing RICK MARTEL, while JIMMY HART has taken on DINO BRAVO.... TOM MAGEE was given a try-out as 'Megaman' under Jimmy Hart... RONNIE GARVIN lost a match to GREG VALENTINE on TV, with the stipulations that the loser must retire. Garvin is now refereeing with the WWF... LANNY POFFO as 'The Genius' is not that bad, but it is about three years too late, with Lanny having lost to every wrestler known to mankind. He may soon team with brother Randy Savage... The POWERS OF PAIN are now in singles matches...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

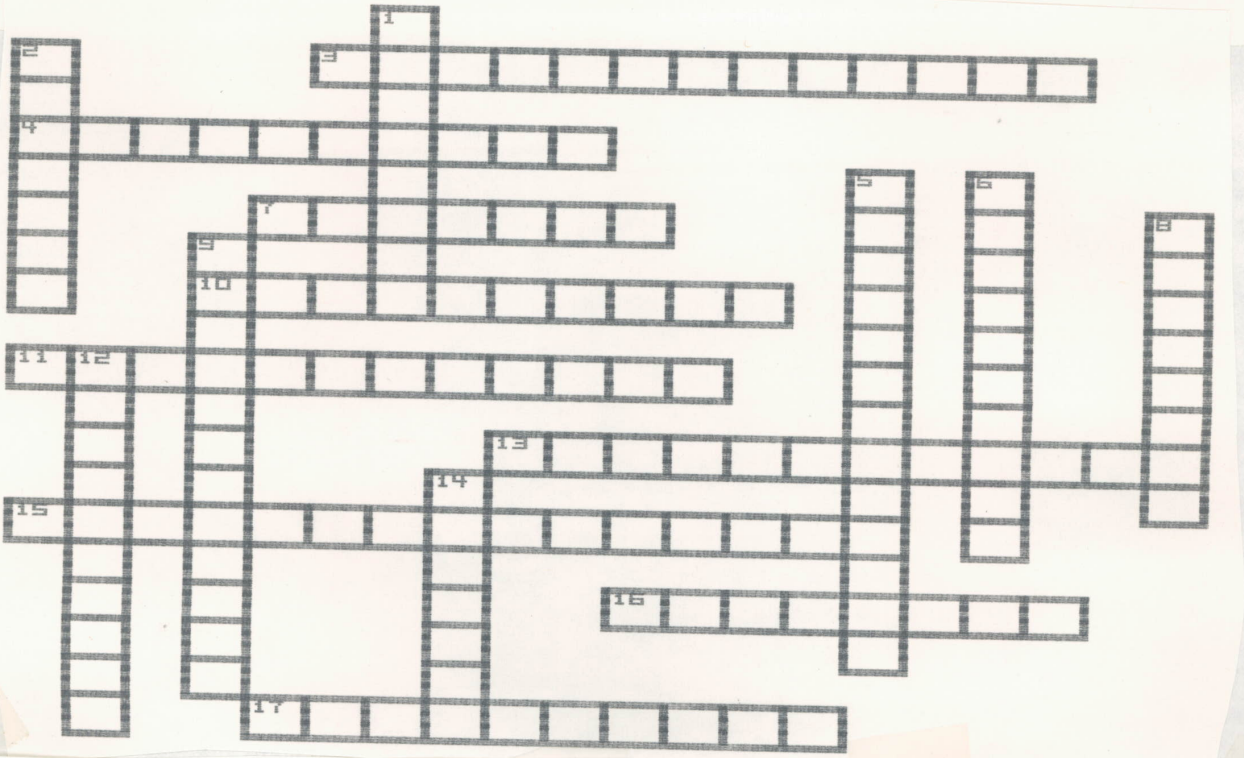
The CHRIS BENOIT vs BULLDOG BOB BROWN feud continues to have me interested. It has been well done so far, but it is very stupid that the match will not be shown on television. You don't watch for six weeks in a row, following the subtle angle, and not get to see the match!!!... Benoit and BIFF WELLINGTON beat MAKHAN & VOKHAN SINGH to win the International tag team championship on April 8th in Edmonton when Bob Brown accidentally hit Vokhan, not Benoit... The CUBAN COMMANDOS have turned somewhat good... STEVE BLACKMAN has really improved and had a very good match with DAVEY BOY SMITH for the North American title... HARLEY RACE is gone as quick as he came... BRUCE HART has officially retired... DERRICK DUKES & RICKY RICE are in as the Top Guns... KERRY BROWN and the ANGEL OF DEATH (DAVE SHELDON), are both being plugged as coming in... DON MURACO was 'suspended'... They have a new masked guy in the area called the GRIM REAPER...

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

This area is actually watchable, with the return of DIRTY DAN DENTON, BILLY TWO EAGLES and others... DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS continues to star, as he and MICHELLE STARR feud with the FROG... PAT BRADY turned heel against the OLYMPIAN... OLE OLSON returned with no mention made of his Canadian title... SCOTT BRADER is IVAN GORKI's new flagbearer... NEIL DRUMMOND was forced to leave town after losing a match to MORROW RENALDO... JOHN TENTA has a $1000 Slam Challenge out... Dan Denton finds himself as a good guy... Michelle Starr may be turning good too...

## DECEASED WRESTLERS

**This Crossword Puzzle is a chance for you to fondly recall your memories of these wrestlers, managers, and announcers.**



### ACROSS CLUES

3. WAS KNOWN AS THE YELLOW ROSE OF TEXAS
4. FAMED WRESTLER, REFEREE AND TRAINER FOR HOCKEY'S BUFFALO SABRES
7. DAVE MCKIGNEY WAS THE CANADIAN ...
10. TEXAS FATHER OF TWO FORMER WORLD CHAMPIONS
11. HIS BARK WAS WORSE THAN HIS BITE
13. BROTHER OF #1 ACROSS
15. NOBLE COMMENTATOR AND WRESTLER, KNOWN FOR HIS CHOPS
16. HAMILTON'S JOHN YACHETTI'S RING NAME
17. USED JIM CROCE'S SONG "BAD, BAD ....." AS HIS RING NAME

### DOWN CLUES

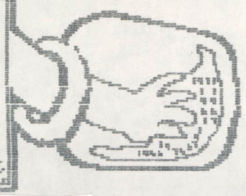
1. DIED IN A CAR CRASH, JULY 1988 WITH TWO OTHER WRESTLERS
2. FORMER MANAGER IN STAMPEDE
5. HAD A MEMORABLE FEUD WITH CHRIS ADAMS SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH
6. TALENTED WWF JOBBER WITH NICKNAME "QUICK DRAW"
8. STAMPEDE LEGEND WHO FEUDED WITH STOMPER GOULDIE AND SWEET DADDY SIKI
9. WENT FROM STREET TOUGH BLACK TO ADORABLE PINK
12. POPULAR VANCOUVER BASED TELEVISION ANNOUNCER
14. "TWEET TWEET" WENT TIGER JOE ...

### miss editor's notes

**This issue went out a little early to give as many people as possible a chance to attend the Independent card in Hamilton on May 7th... Thanks to Norm McEvoy for the great report on the Toronto show. I hope that we can keep up the great tradition of great reports from shows like WrestleMania, and the rematch... And now a plea for more contributions from readers... We also need your help in building up our subscriber numbers. Order a subscription for a friend, and tell as many people as possible about the WR... A plug goes out to the new MISSY HYATT FUN CLUB, run by Jeff Zinger. To join, and get lots of neat stuff, send only $3.00 to Fun Club c/o Woodstock Records, 408 Dundas St, Woodstock, Ontario N4S 1B9. Enjoy it!...**

# A JAR FULL OF MEMORIES

With Terry Dart



This month's recounting of history comes from the Hamilton Municipal Pool, March 14, 1961.

In the main event, FRANK 'Farmer Boy' TOWNSEND wrestled THE BLACK TERROR. In the first fall, the Terror defeated Farmer Boy in nine minutes with the reverse hangman hold, while standing on the second rope. The second fall was short, and was won by Townsend with a giant swing in only 3:30. After fifteen minutes of rough action in the third fall, both Townsend and the Black Terror fell outside the ring, and fought amongst the chairs. The Terror beat the referee's ten count, and made it back into the ring for the victory.

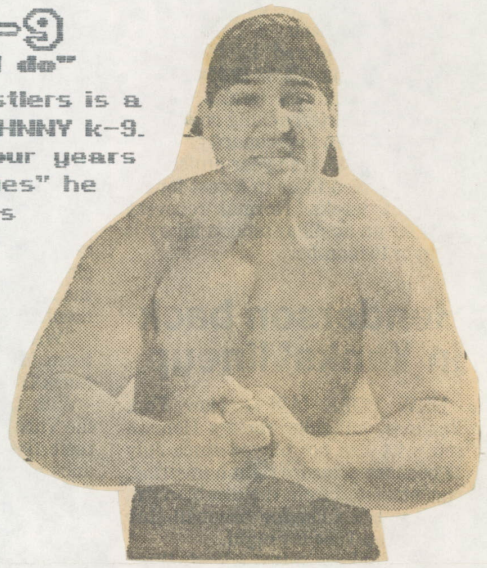
In other bouts, BIG TOM 'The Emperor' JONES, the huge Ottawa football player, whipped JOHN DA SILVA, the scientific Maori Indian from New Zealand, in eleven minutes, using the bear hug... Newcomer STAN STASIAK really clobbered Rugged DON MCLARITY in seventeen minutes with an atomic drop... IVAN KALMIKOFF proved to all the fans why he is one of the toughest men in the heavyweight division, as he took the measure of Hamilton's JOHNNY FOTI with a knee drop off the top rope in twenty six minutes...

NOTES: Farmer Boy Townsend sang before his matches. He drowned off the coast of B.C. in 1964... The Black Terror eventually unmasked by WHIPPER BILLY WATSON, and turned out to be the veteran LAVERNE BAXTER... Ivan Kalmikoff & KAROL Kalmikoff were a great team that held the Canadian tag team titles, defeating teams like MIKE & DON GALLAGER, and Whipper Watson & SAM STEAMBOAT... John Foti was a scientific wrestler that never seemed to win any matches... Stan Stasiak was a rugged youngster who went on to many great matches with Whipper Watson, in search of the British Empire title. He also had the honour of holding the WWF title for nine long days, beating PEDRO MORALES in 1973...

## ANALYSIS: THE LOCAL WRESTLER

# JOHNNY K-9

**"See the destruction I do"**



One of the best known local wrestlers is a monster from Hamilton known as JOHNNY K-9. John has been wrestling now for four years and has recently gotten into promoting. "I've paid my dues" he likes to say... At 265 pounds, K-9 wrestles in the WWA as TARAS BULBA, King of the Chain Matches in Eastern Bloc Countries... "I've got a Mongolian look going," he claims... A fan club was recently begun in Bulba's honour in the U.S.... K-9 was trained by Hamilton's NICK DECARLO and VIC ROSSITINI... His "You name him, I've fought him" attitude is valid... He has been to Japan once, wrestled in the WWF, Stampede, Memphis, ICW and more. He is currently working with the WWA of Ohio, and plans on bringing in some of their talent to work local shows... He wants to promote locally "To get the local guys going. They are always complaining about a lack of work."... "I don't want to go on the road anymore"... Johnny is working locally with MIKE KELLY and a few others. They have recently lined up a few television stations, and plan a TV taping May 7th in Hamilton at the Kiwanas club, located on Ellis St., directly across from the Greater Hamilton Centre Mall.... Doors open at 6:30 for the 7:00 show. Plan to be there early for best seating!... On the May 7th show will be – Johnny K-9, RICKY JOHNSON, MISSING LINK (DEWEY ROBERTSON), JASON STERLING, MAD DOG REX, CHRIS CARTER and more... They have 15-20 dates planned for August over the CANADIAN WILDMAN's old Northern territory... Plan to see more of Johnny K-9 and his fledgling promotion over the next few months...

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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Hulk Hogan
WWF Tag – Demolition
I-C – Ravishing Rick Rude
NWA – Ric Flair
NWA Tag – Title Vacant
NWA TV – Sting
U.S. – Michael Hayes
U.S. Tag – Eddie Gilbert & Rick Steiner
AWA – Larry Zbyszko
AWA Tag – Rheingans & Patera
CWA/WCCW/CWF – Jerry Lawler
CWA – Jeff Jarrett
North American – Larry Cameron
Int'l Tag – Benoit & Wellington
Commonwealth – Chris Benoit

## EDITORIAL

For the month of JUNE 1989

**No More Singhs?...**

A part of my Monday night viewing for the last two years is now gone. There will be no more Toilet Bowl t-shirts, no more hated Edmonton Oiler jerseys, no more Calgary Stampeder jokes. Will there be any more fun in Stampede?

MIKE SHAW, traditionally known as MAKHAN SINGH, has left the Stampede region for the big time of the NWA. There he assumes the role of NORMAN, a take-off of the Norman Bates Psycho character. He is no longer under the management of the incomprehensible ABDUL WIZAL, but is now with the suave TEDDY LONG.

I miss him already.

He gave us some good times. He was a many times over North American champion. Makhan had some good feuds with the likes of OWEN HART, COL.KIRCHNER, and KERRY BROWN. For a big man, he was willing to sell and help out his smaller opponent. He deserves much credit for this.

But more than a wrestler, Makhan Singh was a dominating figure on the Stampede show. He could talk up a storm about anyone or anything. But all his raving led somewhere, and he got good heat from the fans.

It was time for Makhan Singh to move on though. He deserves the best of luck in the NWA.

## RIC FLAIR

**NWA Champion**

Despite his critics, RIC FLAIR proved he was the man worthy of the gold at WrestleWar 89, Music City Showdown, on May 7th in Nashville.

After 31:32 minutes of grueling action, RICK STEAMBOAT's leg buckled under him, allowing Flair to roll him up in a small package. Out of character, Ric Flair shook hands hands with the fallen champion, and admitted to JIM ROSS that "Steamboat was the greatest champion I have ever faced." And that says a lot, seeing that this is Flair's sixth title reign.

Following the match, Flair was attacked by TERRY FUNK, who was at ringside judging the match. Funk first challenged Flair to a title match, only to be turned down because Funk was not listed in the NWA Top Ten. Terry Funk piledrove Flair onto a table, and then attacked him with a metal chair. This sets up Ric Flair as the NWA's lead face against legendary heel Terry Funk.

## LARRY CAMERON

**North American Champion**

LARRY CAMERON did what BULLDOG BOB BROWN always said he could, and that was beat DAVEY BOY SMITH for the North American championship. He did it on April 28th in Calgary.

The match was typical Cameron, slow-paced brawling, and it ended with JOHNNY SMITH distracting Davey Boy, to give Cameron the advantage, and the win.

Cameron's win ends months of secondary matches in the territory. against nameless wrestlers like RON RITCHIE. Due to the long wait for the title shot, Cameron's star has dimmed somewhat in the area. He needs a hot feud to build up his reputation again, and add some credibility to the stagnated Stampede title scene.

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## Rasslin' Results

**WWF JOE LOUIS ARENA DETROIT APRIL 29, 1989**

Randy Savage beat Hulk Hogan by countout... Jake Roberts beat Ted DiBiase... Bushwackers beat Brain Busters... Dino Bravo beat Hercules... Rockin Robin beat Judy Martin... Curt Hennig drew with Bret Hart... Warlord beat Koko B. Ware... Paul Roma beat Boris Zukhov...

**WWF HAMILTON MAY 1, 1989**

With Norm McEvoy: It was a small but noisy crowd of about 5,000 in the Copps. Honkytonk Man beat Jim Powers ( * )... The Blue Blazer took on the Brooklyn Brawler in a hard worked match. Owen tried the Flying Moonsault Body Press for the finish, and almost flew past Lombardi ( **1/2 for the finish )... Greg Valentine beat Hillbilly Jim ( DUD )... In a monster truck match, Demolition went to a DDQ with the Twin Towers. After, Bossman destroyed the Demos with the stick. ( * for an excellent Bossman )... Terry Taylor beat Richard Charland. Another time and place, this would have been a damn good match. ( ** )... Rick Martel beat Bret Hart using the ropes. As a heel, he's cocky, arrogant and ruthless. I think the boy will make it. These two had a real knock down fight ( *** )... Curt Hennig beat Tito Santana with a little help from Martel, who came out and distracted Chico. ( **1/2 )... Ultimate Warrior beat Rick Rude by countout. Warrior should stop chasing Heenan around. It had good heat, and was better than expected, as Warrior has learned a few wrestling moves through osmosis ( ** )... The Battle Royale. Blazer, Big Bossman, Rooster, and Charland were good here. The end came down to Martel, Santana, Hennig and Hart. Bret threw out Hennig for the win. I'd say the right guy won for a change ( *** )...

**WWF TORONTO MAY 21, 1989**

This time around, the Gardens wasn't sold out... Hulk Hogan pinned Randy Savage in a good rematch. Sherri got tons of heat for hitting Hogan with her purse ( ***1/2 )... Bad News Brown beat Blue Blazer... Demolition DDQ the Twin Towers. Great post match brawl ( ** )... Rick Martel beat Tito Santana using the ropes ( **1/2 )... Red Rooster beat Brooklyn Brawler ( DUD )... Barbarian beat Jim Neidhart ( DUD )... Honkytonk Man beat Hillbilly Jim using the tights... Lanny Poffo beat Jim Powers with a cheap move. Lanny is good as a prissy, arrogant heel ( *1/2 )....

## Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

Taped April 25, 1989 Des Moines, Iowa. Broadcast May 27, 1989 on NBC.

HULK HOGAN beat BIG BOSSMAN in a cage match when Hulk got out first. The match featured a suplex off the top of the cage by Hogan on Bossman. ZEUS made an appearance early and beat up the mighty Hulkster.

RAVISHING RICK RUDE lost to the new King HACKSAW DUGGAN by countout, so Rude keeps his Intercontinental title.

The BRAIN BUSTERS, ARN ANDERSON & TULLY BLANCHARD beat the DEMOLITION by DQ in an excellent match. Both teams worked hard, and an interesting contrast of styles was shown.

RANDY SAVAGE beat JIM NEIDHART in a match that saw SENSATIONAL SHERRI interfere quite a bit. Not a matchup for the former World champion.

JIMMY SUPERFLY SNUKA beat BORIS ZUKHOV in a squash.

Overall, it was a pretty good show, but like all the current WWF tapes, there was too much on the new movie, NO HOLDS BARRED. They are hyping a return for SNME in July.

## Answers to last month's Crossword

Across 3. David Von Erich 4. Fred Atkins 7. Wildman 10. Dory Funk Sr 11. Bruiser Brody 13. Mike Von Erich 15. Lord Athol Layton 16. The Beast 17. Leroy Brown
Down 1. Pat Kelly 2. JR Foley 5. Gino Hernandez 6. Rick McGraw 8. Dave Ruhl 9. Adrian Adonis 12. Ron Morrier 14. Tomasso

## PLUGS

**CEE-DEE Productions** P.O.Box 3626 Union, N.J. 07083 has for sale a video tape of the match between the BRITISH BULLDOGS vs ROCK'n' ROLL EXPRESS from Feb. for $32.95 U.S.

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## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

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| June 11 | – | WWF Toronto |
| June 26 | – | WWF Kitchener |
| June 28 | – | Independent Hamilton |
| June 29 | – | WWF Ottawa |

## NWA PRO WRESTLING

MUSIC CITY SHOWDOWN on May 7th in Nashville saw some surprising results... RIC FLAIR beat RICK STEAMBOAT to win his sixth NWA title. After the match, TERRY FUNK attacked Flair setting up a feud. Flair is now said to be injured, and should return for the July 23 PPV show... MICHAEL HAYES beat LEX LUGER to win the U.S.Title when TERRY GORDY interfered. Expect the FREEBIRDS to include JIMMY GARVIN soon... THE ROAD WARRIORS beat MIKE ROTUNDO & STEVE WILLIAMS by DQ, with NIKITA KOLOFF as the ref. THE VARSITY CLUB hit Koloff for the DQ, and were stripped of the NWA tag titles... EDDIE GILBERT & RICK STEINER beat KEVIN SULLIVAN & DAN SPIVEY... STING beat IRON SHIEK... THE DYNAMIC DUDES - JOHNNY ACE & SHANE DOUGLAS upset the SAMOAN SWAT TEAM... DICK MURDOCH beat BOB ORTON in a bullrope match... BUTCH REED beat RANGER ROSS... GREAT MUTA beat DOUG GILBERT... In other news... Sting will be feuding with the Great Muta... The tournament for the NWA tag belts has brought JIM CORNETTE & THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS back to the NWA... A new tag team is the NEW ZEALAND MILITIA, JACKO VICTORY & RIP MORGAN... TEDDY LONG is now the manager of NORMAN THE LUNATIC, who used to be MAKHAN SINGH, BUTCH REED & RON SIMMONS... FLYIN BRIAN PILLMAN has finally debuted... SCOTT HALL is new to the area... SCOTT STEINER is in to replace his brother RICK, who has a torn bicep... IRON SHIEK and the JUNKYARD DOG have both been fired... The Great American Bash will run again this year. Next issue we should have details on a possible group trip to Detroit for late July... The Road Warriors have started a hot feud with the Samoan Swat Team...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

HULK HOGAN's new movie, NO HOLDS BARRED, has been the centre of WWF events recently. They have introduced ZEUS as a potential opponent of Hogan. First they have to teach him some wrestling skills though... DUSTY RHODES debuted for the WWF on June 1st in London, Ontario by beating TED DIBIASE. He replaces the injured JAKE ROBERTS on the roster. Snake has a very serious neck injury, and was recently charged in Florida for aggravated battery... The Miller Lite commercials have started with JESSE VENTURA, VINCE MCMAHON and HOWARD FINKEL. Miller is planning to sponsor a few WWF shows in the larger cities during the summer... HACKSAW JIM DUGGAN beat KING HAKU to become the new King... RODDY PIPER worked a few dates on the West Coast, filling in for the injured Jake Roberts against DiBiase. Rumour still has it that he will be back full time soon... The TWIN TOWERS appear headed towards a break up sooner than expected... BAD NEWS BROWN has teamed a few times with the BROOKLYN BRAWLER... SHERRI MARTEL makes an excellent replacement for ELIZABETH, interfering and raising havoc... The ROUGEAUS vs ROCKERS feud started with a well run angle on TV where the Ragoos beat up SHAWN MICHAELS with the megaphone... RICK MARTEL has been attacking TITO SANTANA before the start of the scheduled matches, setting up a later match...

## AWA NEWS

BADD COMPANY have apparently split up, with PAUL DIAMOND as a good guy, teaming with TOM ZENK, against PAT TANAKA and AKIO SATO... DESTRUCTION CREW beat up AWA tag champs, KEN PATERA and BRAD RHEINGANS in a car power lifting challenge... COLONEL DEBEERS was painted white following a double team by DERRICK DUKES & TOMMY JAMMER... MIKE GEORGE has been defending the WWA title in the AWA against WAHOO MCDANIEL... McDaniel leaves the AWA to become a road manager for the NWA... JOE BLANCHARD, father of TULLY, is the new AWA president... They dedicated an entire show to the CRUSHER, and showed highlights of stars like NICK BOCKWINKEL, RAY STEVENS, BILLY ROBINSON, the BLACKJACK's & BOBBY HEENAN, DUSTY RHODES and RED BASTIEN...

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

DIRTY DAN DENTON & DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS have formed a tag team, with Flowers getting cheered. Denton is now be acclaimed as a protege of DR JERRY GRAHAM... JONATHON SAYERS & BLACKJACK SMITH are gone from the area... ROCKY DELLASERRA was feuding with C.C. QUINN, and is now feuding with Flowers... THE OLYMPIAN received a trophy for 'Fan's Rookie of the Year', and then was attacked by PAT BRADY, who predictably, broke the trophy over the Olympian's head... THE FROG is the Canadian Junior champ, and is still feuding with BUDDY WAYNE... STEVE OCEAN is a newcomer who is feuding with Canadian champ Pat Brady...

# HAMILTON'S OWN WRESTLING SHOW

HAMILTON, ONTARIO now has its own independent wrestling promotion. Brought to the city by MIKE KELLY, JOHNNY K-9 and the WWA, they have plans to run a show about every month. Their second show, the first the Wrestling Report attended 'en force,' was May 7th at the Hamilton Kiwanas Club. Close to 450 people jammed into the small gymnasium to see the show. They return to the Kiwanas Club on June 28th, with K-9 & BULLWHIP JOHNSON vs RICKY JOHNSON & MISSING LINK.

The first match saw JASON STERLING, son of DEWEY ROBERTSON, go up against the MERCENARY MAN, who was very green. Sterling showed some good dropkicks, but unfortunately fell victim to his opponents inexperience, and hurt his arm. Sterling got the win with a top rope dive. ( *1/2 )... MAD DOG REX & MOHAMMAD SAAD then faced off against NICK DECARLO & CHRIS CARTER. It was a wild one that ended after 19 minutes of well paced action. DeCarlo did much better than expected. ( *** )... The next match saw BULLWHIP JOHNSON win over CHICO FERNANDEZ, in what was really just a squash match. Bullwhip yelled and screamed for over five minutes before locking up. ( * )... The MISSING LINK showed that he still really hasn't any wrestling ability, by making the motions of a match against TURBO NED TYSON. Link didn't sell anything, and was put over as lead babyface. The fans like him, he has an entertaining unpredictability, but he is too slow. ( 1/2 * )... The main event was a wild affair that showcased Johnny K-9 against a slightly overweight Ricky Johnson. K-9 was great fun, and really ripped into the crowd. When Ricky put K-9 in a figure four, Bullwhip Johnson ran in, and helped to destroy Ricky. Predictably, the Link made the save, and killed the excitement. The action with the chair was great. JOHNNY K-9 proved that once again, he was the show... The location at the Kiwanas was great. The Kiwanas staff was friendly, and there was a great local atmosphere at the show. The refreshment stand was well stocked, and the popcorn was excellent... MIKE KELLY greeted people at the door, and showed just a slight limp following the accident of nearly a year ago... It was taped for TV by Cable 14 of Hamilton, and I have a copy of the show if you're interested!...

CWA MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

WORLD CLASS

JERRY LAWLER regained the Unified title from MASTER OF PAIN by first beating SAMURI, Mr.DEVASTATION and PHIL HICKERSON. After beating Pain, he got 5 minutes with manager RONALD GOSSETT... New to the area are the WILDSIDE, a heel team of MARK STARR & CHRIS CHAMPION, SCOTT CASEY of WWF fame, RICK PATTERSON, AUSTIN IDOL & JIMMY GOLDEN... Gone are SCOTT STEINER, DETROIT DEMOLITION & LORD HUMONGOUS... GARY YOUNG is now under a mask as the SUPER ZODIAC... BRIAN LEE is now a member of the STUD STABLE, and is CWA tag team champion with ROBERT FULLER... DUTCH MANTELL is feuding with TRACY SMOTHERS... Jimmy Golden lost a loser leaves match to his former partner, Robert Fuller... KERRY VON ERICH has been spending most of his time in Memphis and the CWF... ACTION JACKSON left the Stud Stable, and his sister now acts as his valet, to feud with SYLVIA... CACTUS JACK MANSON broke his wrist after falling from a scaffold... ERIC EMBRY stars in World Class, getting beaten up week after week by SCANDOR AKBAR and his men... STEVE & SHAUN SIMPSON are World Class tag champions, after beating BEAUTY & THE BEAST... MIL MASCARAS has been appearing in Texas...

WRESTLING REPORT

# VIDEO TAPE GUIDE

Thanks to the acquisition of a second VCR, I will soon be making my video tape collection available to you. It will be my project for the early summer to put together a list of my tapes, most likely to be published next issue. So to put together an even bigger list, send me a list of what wrestling you have on tape, maybe we can make a deal!... In other future news, the FOURTH ANNIVERSARY edition, of August 1989 is fast approaching. I need your contributions soon. Tell me about your favorite promotion, wrestler, or announcer, and why you like them. Make some suggestions for angles, or new wrestlers for the different leagues. Suggest ideas for a local promotion... Just contribute! ...

STAMPEDE WRESTLING

## BULLDOG VS BULLDOG AND MORE....

Though this is more opinion than news, it best fits in this column. Stampede wrestling, BULLDOG BOB BROWN and ED WHALEN have just gone too far. Now, you have to understand how hard this is to write, with Mr.Whalen being one of our biggest supporters, and Stampede being my favorite promotion. I hope they will appreciate my honesty. What it comes down to is their choice of what to show on TV.

First, let's look at the situation - crowds are dropping, even with DAVEY BOY SMITH as champion. So DYNAMITE KID is out as booker, and BRUCE HART is back. One of his first big moves is to create a plot to bring Dynamite out of retirement, and turn him against his tag team partner Davey Boy. A Bulldog vs Bulldog feud will do super business in Stampede, if it is run right. Therefore, this is the most important angle they have run in months, maybe years - and it is not shown on television! On the May 29 episode of TSN Wrestling, Ed Whalen explains to us what has happened, and we do not get to see one fraction of the most important turn they have run in months. Certainly a great way to lose regular viewers.

I am also getting fed up with announcers getting involved in the matches ALL THE TIME. Once or twice is okay, but not all the time! Stampede has some great people, let them shine in what they are good at - wrestling, or announcing - not both! And this comment is directed at both Ed Whalen and BULLDOG BOB BROWN.

For the good of the promotion, let's realize what you need to do to keep your fans. Have any exciting TV show that gives you a glimpse of the region - show what is happening in a professional manner.

I want to see Dynamite hitting Davey Boy, not just hear about it!

STAMPEDE NEWS : LARRY CAMERON won the North American title from DAVEY BOY SMITH on April 28th in Calgary. This liberated Davey Boy to set up a feud with his former partner DYNAMITE KID... Since TV didn't show, let me try to explain as best I can... It started on the 28th, during the title match, when JOHNNY SMITH interfered to help Larry Cameron win the title. Johnny Smith and Cameron then double-teamed Davey Boy, until Dynamite Kid made the save. This set up a chain match between Johnny & Dynamite for the next week. In that match, which took place May 5th, Dynamite was about to finish off Johnny, when BULLDOG BOB BROWN hit him with a kendo stick. Davey Boy immediately came to the rescue, took the stick, and beat up Brown and Johnny Smith. When Dynamite got up, he saw Davey Boy with the stick, and attacked him. So Johnny Smith, Bulldog Bob Brown, and ABDUL WIZAL all joined in the fun. CHRIS BENOIT ran in to make the save... They announced that Dynamite Kid, Johnny Smith, Abdul Wizal and Bulldog Brown were all suspended, allowing them to tour Japan with the 'injured' Davey Boy. Brown should be going out to the Maritimes, while Wizal may be gone for good... Incidentally, the Bulldogs have been teaming in Japan... In other news, RICKY RICE, TIEJHO KHAN and JOHNNY LOVE all came in, but left the next day, apparently upset about their roles with the promotion... VOKHAN SINGH (GARY ALBRIGHT) is in South Africa... KERRY BROWN returned to begin a feud with Chris Benoit... ANGEL OF DEATH appears headed to a feud with RON RITCHIE... BRUCE HART is back and has been very well received by the fans. Look for him to get the Commonwealth title soon... MAKHAN SINGH has left for the NWA, while Chris Benoit has expressed interest in joining too... ROTTEN RON STARR is in for his annual appearance, before heading out to the Maritimes...

OTHER NEWS

CAPTAIN LOU ALBANO has been approached about being in a TV sitcom based on the video game MARIO BROTHERS... LANCE IDOL, who wrestled in Stampede not so long ago, is now wrestling in the Los Angeles area, as UWC champion... DUSTY RHODES' FCW may be dead, now that Dusty is with the WWF... STOMPER ARCHIE GOULDIE has been wrestling in the Continental area... THE STEELMAN of Florida fame may follow Dusty Rhodes to the WWF... The NWA is said to be after a major name WWF talent... JIM CORNETTE is said to be hosting the new WTBS Friday night NWA Power Hour show... SHERRI MARTEL may be getting a haircut at the end of the RANDY SAVAGE / BRUTUS BEEFCAKE feud...

I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

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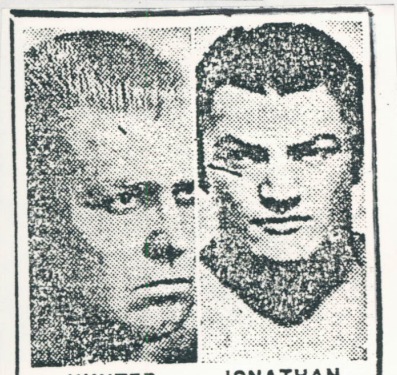
# A JAR FULL OF MEMORIES

With Terry Dart



HUNTER JONATHAN

**Rip Hawk &**
**Rock Hunter**
VS.
**Ivan Kalmikoff**
AND
**Don Leo Jonathan**
FRENCHY VIGNAL
vs.
JIM La ROCK
BOB NANDOR
vs.
ANASTAS MINASIAN
MIKE VALENTINO
vs.
BOB LEIPLER
Exhibitions of strength and science
**Baseball Stadium**
**TUESDAY — 8.45**

This month's recounting of history comes from the Hamilton Baseball Stadium, July, 1960.

The main bout was an International tag team title defence by the champions, ROCK HUNTER & RIP HAWK vs DON LEO JONATHON & IVAN KALMIKOFF. The first fall was really wild, as both teams were villains, and saw Rock Hunter have his sore back worked over by Jonathon. After the tag, Rip Hawk demolished Kalmikoff, and got the pin after 24 minutes following four reverse neck breakers and a knee drop off the top rope. The second fall saw Jonathon score the pin after using the Mormon sickle, which is a swinging, over the shoulder back breaker, on Hawk after two minutes. All four men battled in the third fall, and after eight hard fought minutes, Ivan Kalmikoff found himself in the wrong corner, and was pinned after a vicious flying knee drop.

In other matches, BERNARD FRENCHY VIGNAL, an acrobatic frenchman who was trained by EDOUARD CARPENTIER, wrestled to a thirty minute scientific draw with JIM LAROCK... ANASTAS MINASIAN, a Greek wrestler with very little ability, beat BOB NANDOR with a rolling arm lock and shoulder stand after 16 minutes... In the opener, BOB LEIPLER was disqualified by referee EL BUNNY DUNLOP for refusing to stop choking MIKE VALENTINO on the ropes... NOTES : Rip Hawk was a top villain, who was famous for his reverse neck breaker... Rock Hunter was a regular tag partner to Rip Hawk, and Hawk carried the team, due to Hunter's bad back... Bob Nandor was a great star in the 50's & 60's, and even held a win over KILLER KOWALSKI... Mike Valentino gained fame in the 70's as Baron Sicluna, teaming with the late TARZAN TYLER... Don Leo Jonathon was my favorite, and I would welcome any information at all on him...

FROM THE CANADIAN MINT

LEGENDS SERIES

## A Look at Canadian World Champions

### BIG THUNDER GENE KINISKI

**NWA & AWA CHAMPION**

NWA Champion Jan. 7, 1966 — Feb. 11, 1969
Defeated Lou Thesz in St. Louis, MO.
Lost to Dory Funk Jr. in Tampa, FL.
AWA Champion July 11, 1961 — Aug. 8, 1961
Defeated and lost to Verne Gagne

For over 30 years, Big Thunder Gene Kiniski was an impressive force on the world's wrestling scene. He wrestled for every promotion in Canada at one time or another, including Sandor Kovacs in Vancouver, Stu Hart in Calgary, and Frank Tunney in Toronto. Kiniski also wrestled all over the United States, and made numerous trips to Japan. His crown acheivements include holding the AWA and NWA World titles.

Big Thunder was known for being a mat technician that used many leg holds and a devastating knee drop. The backbreaker was his favorite finisher.

Gene Kiniski had a background in football, and played at both the University of Alberta and the University of Arizona. He also had a stay with the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League, where two of his teammates, Wilbur Snyder and Joe Blanchard would also become pro wrestlers.

Two of Gene's sons followed him into the mat game. The oldest, Kelly Kiniski, broke in as his father's career was winding down. Nick Kiniski was a Canadian Amateur champion before turning pro. All three Kiniskis were portrayed as big powerhouse types. Neither Nick nor Kelly caught on with a big promotion for any length of time, despite the family name.

Gene Kiniski seems to be totally out of the wrestling mainstream, currently believed to be residing in Washington state. He retired in 1985, and has done some guest refereeing for the NWA.

Big Thunder Kiniski was truly a Canadian Legend in Professional Wrestling.

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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Hulk Hogan
WWF Tag – Demolition
I-C – Ravishing Rick Rude
NWA – Ric Flair
NWA Tag – Fabulous Freebirds
NWA TV – Sting
U.S. – Lex Luger
U.S. Tag – First Family
AWA – Larry Zbyszko
AWA Tag – Rheingans & Patera
USWA – Jerry Lawler
CWA – Black Bart
North American – Larry Cameron
Int'l Tag – Bob & Kerry Brown
Commonwealth – Chris Benoit

## EDITORIAL

For the month of JULY 1989

**The Month That Was...**

Normally in the editorial, I rant and rave about wrestling. This month, I thought that I'd show you June for an 18-year old newsletter editor.

Grade 12 ended and I missed it the day I left. School is where all my friends are. The one exam that was compulsory, English, went well. (I would hope so if I want a career in journalism!). The school Formal was nice, though I didn't end happily.

With school out though, it gave me a chance to watch wrestling on tape. I must have gotten though at least 12 six hour tapes. Summer also gives me a chance to go to wrestling shows, like the CICW in Hamilton. It was fun, and I am glad that I got there early to meet some of the wrestlers.

At the end of the month, the computer went down, forcing the newsletter to be planned, but not finished on time. Then I did just a bit of damage to the car. It was due to pure stupidity. Anyway, it showed me what great parents I have. They were glad that it happened at an early age, so I would know what it is like.

It was just two years ago that I made the plea to subscribers to help get my parents off my back. They thought that I had been at this long enough. This year, they still hassle me, but at least I appreciate it.

## Bob & Kerry Brown

**Stampede International Tag Champions**

The story behind the tag team title change from the team of CHRIS BENOIT & BIFF WELLINGTON to BOB & KERRY BROWN has yet to be fully revealed. We will try.

The title change was a typical match, with the referee looking the wrong way at the wrong time. The thing is, the referee was DAVID PUTNAM, better known to a few as the son of Bob Brown. Interesting, eh? And another thing, as far as I know, Kerry Brown is not the legit son of the Bulldog. What gives?

Mayhem. And a feud that does not end between Benoit & Bulldog Bob Brown.

Good stuff, but is the Bulldog really believable against the 'YOUNGBLOODS'?

## FABULOUS FREEBIRDS

**NWA WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS**

The newest version of the Fabulous Freebirds, featuring MICHAEL HAYES, TERRY GORDY and JIMMY GARVIN, captured the NWA World tag team titles on June 14th in Fort Bragg, NC, in the finals of a tournament.

The Freebirds defeated the ROAD WARRIORS by countout in the first round, the DYANMIC DUDES in the semis, and JIM CORNETTE's MIDNIGHT EXPRESS in the finals. For the finals, the 'Birds got a little help from PAUL E DANGEROUSLY, when he clobbered Jim Cornette with a loaded tennis racket before the match had begun, forcing the Express to go it without their manager.

This is the first ever world tag team title for the Freebirds. The Great American Bash Tour sees them facing the Midnights & STEVE WILLIAMS in six-man tag action. Further down the road, the Road Warriors will be after their tails.

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## NWA PRO WRESTLING

Clash of the Champions VII: Guts and Glory saw the crowning of new tag team champions, and the turning of LEX LUGER. The FABULOUS FREEBIRDS beat the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS in the finals for the NWA tag belts. Following the main event of RICKY STEAMBOAT vs TERRY FUNK, which Rick won by DQ, Lex Luger came into the ring, viciously clotheslined Steamboat, hit him with a chair, and put him in a backbreaker. Wow... In other Clash matches, the semis of the tag tourney had the Freebirds beating the DYNAMIC DUDES, and the Express beating the SAMOAN SWAT TEAM... STEVE WILLIAMS battled to a short double countout with TERRY GORDY... KEVIN SULLIVAN & CAPTAIN MIKE ROTUNDO beat RICK & SCOTT STEINER... STING beat BILL IRWIN... NORMAN the LUNATIC debuted and beat MIKE JUSTICE in 0:47... RANGER ROSS beat the TERRORIST before the live Army crowd at Fort Bragg, NC... THE GREAT MUTA didn't have his scheduled DragonShi match because EDDIE GILBERT came in and threw fire at him, but missed, and hit TRENT KNIGHT instead... And the DING DONGS debuted, beating COUGAR JAY & GEORGE SOUTH. They are a sad team that wears bells, and rings a bell... They also did an at home interview with RIC FLAIR... In other NWA news: Lex Luger regained the US title from MICHAEL HAYES... RICKY SANTANA has returned, and is feuding with Wild Bill Irwin... SID VICIOUS is new, and is tagging with DAN SPIVEY as the SKYSCRAPERS... Steve Williams has turned good and is feuding with Terry Gordy... TOMMY RICH has arrived... The next PPV is July 23rd with Ric Flair vs Terry Funk... JERRY LAWLER may work the Great American Bash stop in Memphis...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

BARRY WINDHAM has entered the WWF as the 'Widow Maker'. He is a big heel that will eventually face HOGAN... DUSTY RHODES has been introduced with segments that have Dusty proving he's American made, and willing to be humiliated... THE BLUE BLAZER, OWEN HART has left to get married, and to gain some respect back. Look for him in Stampede soon... BIG JOHN STUDD has quit. They have pushed HILLBILLY JIM up to fill in the feud against ANDRE... STEVE BLACKMAN has started with the WWF... TOM MAGEE has been working WWF shows as the MEGAMAN, but hasn't appeared on TV... BAD NEWS BROWN appears headed to a minor feud with the BROOKLYN BRAWLER... KEVIN KELLY has been given a try-out... The WWF in Kitchener on June 26th saw: TIM HORNER beat BORIS ZUKHOV... ROCKIN ROBIN beat JUDY MARTIN... DINO BRAVO beat HERCULES but then RONNIE GARVIN reversed the decision... ULTIMATE WARRIOR beat RICK RUDE by countout... RED ROOSTER beat BROOKLYN BRAWLER... ROCKERS beat the ROUGEAUS with help from Ron Garvin... The movie NO HOLDS BARRED should be gone in most theatres by the time you read this. They will make about $13 million. Plans are for another VINCE MCMAHON wrestling movie.... Maybe it'll be the Red Rooster in George Orwell's ANIMAL FARM!...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

BULLDOG BOB BROWN & PIT BULL KERRY BROWN beat the YOUNG-BLOODS, CHRIS BENOIT & BIFF WELLINGTON to win the tag titles. With the tag belts around the Browns, Wellington shoud challenge for Benoit's Commonwealth title if you ask me... LARRY CAMERON put RICKY RICE out of action, giving Rice's tag partner, BRUCE HART, as chance to battle Cameron... DUKE MYERS has returned to thrill the fans... JASON THE TERRIBLE returned looking a little smaller, and is feuding with the ANGEL OF DEATH... It appears they are going to squash GARY ALBRIGHT (UOKHAN SINGH)... 'The Dogfight of the Decade' has now started now that DAUEY BOY SMITH, DYNAMITE KID & JOHNNY SMITH have returned from Japan. They have booked the Corral on July 21st for this big event. There is apparently some dispute on where the angle will go now that it is set up between the Bulldogs and booker Bruce Hart... LEN CRAZY HORSE is a newcomer who will likely feud wih Chris Benoit...

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

DIRTY DAN DENTON beat STEVE E OCEAN to win the Canadian title. DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS played a part in the match, helping Denton to win, so that he (Flowers) could beat Denton for the title. So the feud is Denton & IVAN GORKI with JONATHON SAYERS vs Flowers & MICHELLE STARR with MORROW RENALDO. All of them are still heels... AL TOMKO claims to be coming out of retirement to face Ivan Gorki in a match where 'the fans will circle the ring, holding hands'... Steve E Ocean has been teaming with the FROG... ROBOTRON was recently attacked by Ivan Gorki & his flag...

MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

WORLD CLASS

Both the CWA and World Class appear headed towards major changes. World Class will now be known as the USWA, and the title that JERRY LAWLER holds is the USWA World title. The CWA region will likely become a part of the USWA, and possibly an associate of the NWA once again... New to the CWA is BILL DUNDEE, after a stint as booker for the CWF... BAM BAM BIGELOW... and NIGHTMARE FREDDY, TOMMY GILBERT in a Freddy Kruger outfit... New to the USWA are BLACK BART and AL PEREZ... KEVIN VON ERICH is back 'wrestling'... Gone from the regions are JON PAUL, and BUDDY ROBERTS... DUTCH MANTELL is feuding with BILLY TRAVIS.. ACTION JACKSON & LITTLE SIS are still feuding with SYLVIA & ROB FULLER... BLACK BART beat JEFF JARRETT for the CWA belt... SUPER ZODIAC GARY YOUNG beat ERIC EMBRY for the Texas title... They are running strange angles where first TOJO YAMAMOTO claimed to own the USWA, and now Embry claims he does... In Memphis SHOGUN was stretchered out after having his groin posted by Lawler & AUSTIN IDOL.... ZODIAC #2 & CACTUS JACK beat KERRY VON ERICH & JEFF JARRETT for the WC World tag belts... THE SIMPSONS still hold the WC tag belts... Action Jackson & Billy Travis beat Robert Fuller & BRIAN LEE for the CWA tag belts....

## AWA NEWS

The AWA ran a special on Chicago's Sportsvision in association with DAVID MCLANE's LADIES SPORTS CLUB. On the show, GREG GAGNE battled AWA champ LARRY ZBYSZKO to a draw... COLONEL DEBEERS beat DERRICK DUKES in a paint match, but DeBeers got painted black when TOMMY JAMMER interfered... MANDO & HECTOR GUERRERO beat the TEXAS HANGMAN & EXECUTIONER... KEN PATERA & SCOTT NORTON beat DESTRUCTION CREW by DQ when JOHNNY VALIANT interfered... AKIO SATO beat PAUL DIAMOND by DQ... WENDI RICHTER beat CANDI DEVINE...MIKE GEORGE beat ROCKIN' RANDY... TOMMY JAMMER beat JOHNNY STEWART... In other news: Gone are PAT TANAKA & TOM ZENK... BRAD RHEINGHANS did an interview where they showed his leg all cut open for surgery... WAHOO MCDANIEL officially retired... They recently did a tribute show to BARON VON RASCHKE... SGT SLAUGHTER returns to face Zbyszko at the next TV tapings... Zbyszko has been doing great interviews as the 'Heavyweight Nightmare of the World'....

## OTHER NEWS

The Ontario scene has been heating up. The CICW has now run three shows at the Kiwanas club in Hamilton. Their success has gotten TONY PARISI to run a show in June at the YMCW in Niagara Falls. Parisi hopes to run reguarily. He is also promoting the two shows at the CHIN Picnic in Toronto... NICK DECARLO has put together two shows that he calls the Pan-Am Wrestling Star Search. He also plans to run a few more shows in the future... The North American Wrestling Alliance, and promoter CHRIS DRURY, ran four successful shows at the end of June in Elliot Lake, Pembroke, Midland and Organgeville. He also plans to be back... I hope to keep you informed ahead of time for all of these shows, put to due that, I need the co-operation of the promoters... Around the globe: The BRITISH BULLDOGS teamed in Japan after their breakup in Calgary... Former wrestler HAPPY HUMPHREY passed away... SADISTIC STEVE STRONG (DISALVO) is the Universal champion in Puerto Rico... Congratulations to Pro Wrestling Plus for their third anniversary... BRUCE HART was scheduled for a few AWA shows, but had to back out due to injuries... The 2nd WRESTLE FOR SHELTER in Minneapolis was a success. A feature event saw TOM ZENK beat the RUSSIAN BRUTE... Florida Championship Wrestling has found a new financial backer to buy DUSTY RHODES' stock in the company...

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

TOM ZENK will be starting for the NWA this fall... BRUTUS BEEFCAKE will turn at SummerSlam and beat up HULK HOGAN... ELIZABETH will also be heavily involved at SummerSlam, hopefully getting back together with her husband, RANDY SAVAGE... LEX LUGER will be the next hot feud for RIC FLAIR. Expect that match once again at Starrcade... RODDY PIPER will be returning to the WWF as a colour commentator... HILLBILLY JIM may also get a job doing announcing...

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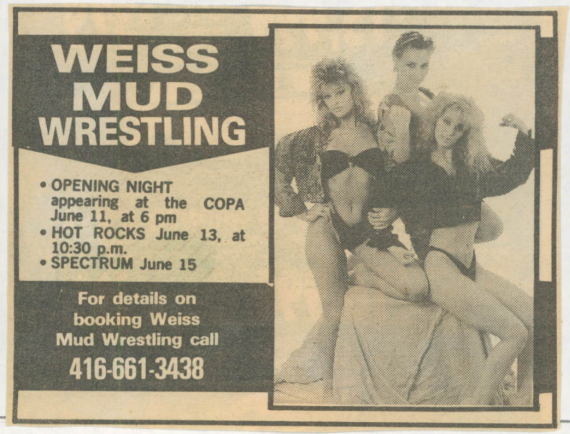
## Rasslin' Results

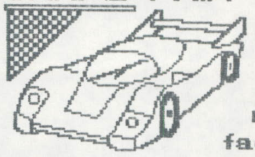
**WWF TORONTO JUNE 11th** with Norm McEvoy: It was the smallest crowd in the MLG since June 84. The reason – an advertised main event of Andre vs John Studd. Studd had quit, so Hillbilly Jim took his place, an improvement. The match was the usual choke and punch from Andre, who looks like he could kick the bucket at anytime. Haku came out, followed by Duggan, they create a big mess, and Hacksaw clears the ring with his 2X4. Andre lost by DQ. ( DUD )... Tim Horner pinned Barry Horowitz in a nice match ( ** )... Fabulous Rougeaus beat the Rockers with a cheap move. They took a while to start, but when they did, it was pretty good. Shawn Michaels got beaten on for the most part, and did a super job ( **1/2 )... Brutus Beefcake beat Greg Valentine in a repeat match from 2 years ago ( * )... Hacksaw Duggan kept the crown by pinning Haku. ( * )... Zeus was sort of interviewed by Billy Red Lyons. He stompts, snorts, slaps his chest and bellows incoherently ( Zeus not Billy Red! )... The Honktonk Man didn't show, so Jimmy Snuka beat up Boris Zukhov. Snuka really shows his age and the heat died fast. ( DUD )... Hart Foundation beat the Powers of Pain by countout. Bret Hart made this match, especially with an over the top rope flying vault to the floor. ( **1/2 )...

**JUNE 11th Copa Night Club Toronto**
This one has to be mentioned, even if our source does not want to be revealed. AARON WEISS, the 'wrestling giant', made a huge career step by promoting his first mud wrestling show. Just how did Weiss get into the bars, as he is still underage?

Well, the show was disorganized, and they had three matches. The girls were bad. They were trained by the Jamaicain Kid – a wrestler who never graduated himself. Aaron tried to hype the crowd, but it was more whining than hyping.




## WORLD GRAND PRIX



Summer means wrestling on the East Coast of Canada. This year is not an exception, as EMILE DUPREE has the regulars and some new faces ready to fight all across the Maritimes. They run a TV show on Atlantic TV, which runs fresh during the summer, and in re-run all fall, winter and spring.

The current International Champion is Leo Burke, who also held the belt at the end of last summer. The North American tag champions are Cuban Assassin & Jerry Morrow, as good guys. Last year ended with Leo Burke and Stephen Pettipas as tag champs.

Results from the first show of the year on May 26th from Bridgewater, Nova Scotia: Buddy Lane beat Wayne Gillis in a very good match... Stompin' Paul Peller drew with the Mongolian... Cuban Commandos beat Eddie Watts & Butcher Vachon... Leo Burke beat Pat Brady using a sleeper... Stephen Pettipas beat Rotten Ron Starr by reverse decision. Starr used the ropes for the pin, the Cuban Assassin came out and told the ref. Of course, Starr then attacked the Cuban, to set up a feud with Starr & partners against the Cubans for the tag team titles.

The Grand Prix circuit attracts wrestlers from outside the Maritimes, but only for a short period. Announced for the tour this year are Harley Race, the British Bulldogs, the Islanders, the Spoiler, Frenchy Martin and Don Muraco. It is also a sure guess that midgets and the ladies will make some of the dates.

Hopefully, I can give more info next issue, as I am going out east in July.

**The Scary Debut of Zeus?**

The WWF this year scares us with a believed main event of Randy Savage & Zeus vs Brutus Beefcake & Hulk Hogan. Other matches will start or continue feuds for the fall. It will be shown on PPV in the States and closed circuit in Canada. It will be on August 28th from the Meadowlands Arena in New Jersey.

## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

July 7 – Pan-Am Grimsby
July 8 – Pan-Am Cambridge
July 9 – WWF Toronto
July 30 – UCWA London????

# CICW

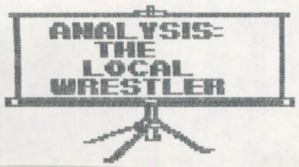
**Canadian International Championship Wrestling**

## JUNE 29, 1989

The CICW returned to the Kiwanas Club in Hamilton for yet another show featuring the local stars. About 300 people turned out to see the show. Attendance suffered due to the nice weather outside. The CICW has plans to bring in some of the most notable international independant talent, especially those working with the WWA. A return date in August is planned. The show also featured the Wrestling Report's first venture into program creation. We gave out a one page legal size program that featured the line-up, and photos of the stars. Some of you may get a copy with the newsletter, depending on how many I have left over.

In the first match, DANNY CASS beat MACHINE GUN KELLY with a belly-to-belly suplex in 14:22. They missed a few moves, but recovered nicely. The next match had two names from the past battling it out. IRISH MICKEY DOYLE beat the HUNGARIAN WOLFMAN with a sunset flip after 15:22. The Wolfman may not be the best worker in existance, but he can certainly work a crowd. Next on were the midgets. If you've seen one midget match, then you've seen them all. All the moves are so typical, but the crowd loved it. FARMER PETE beat LITTLE JOHN after 16:22. On next, the semi-main event, was CHRIS CARTER vs SAAD MUHAMMED. These two former tag team partners work very well together. The match started slow but picked up. Carter scored the pin, and then was beaten up in a great post match brawl. The main event pitted JOHNNY K-9 & BULLWHIP JOHNSON vs RICKY JOHNSON & MISSING LINK. All four of these guys are over great with the crowd, but Bullwhip is really the only heel. We arrived with some new insults for K-9, but were put in our place by a kiddy-corp of K-9 fans. The best line of the night came from Bullwhip, when he yelled "Come on in here you house pet!" to the Missing Link. Johnny K-9 took a great bump, flying through the corner ropes to the floor. It was great action while the Link was outside. I'd like to see him put a little effort into the match, not just do the 'Confused Link' thing. The end came when Bullwhip hit Ricky with the whip, allowing K-9 to score the pin.

The show was again taped by Cable 14 Hamilton. Hope to see you there next time!

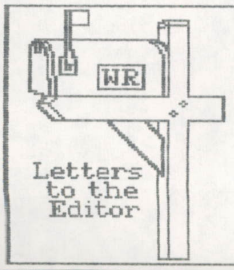



### THE LEBANESE FREEDOM FIGHTER

## MOHAMMED JIHAD SAAD

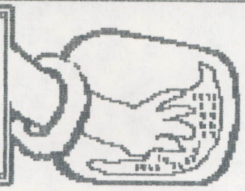
230 pounds 5'9" Beruit, Lebanon

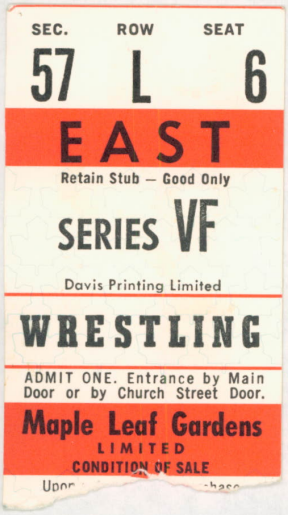
Mohammed Jihad Saad has been a regular with the WWA and other local promotions for the last three years... Calls Beruit home, but has lived off and on in the Detroit area for the last three years... Has been wrestling for 10 years, including a stint as the Lebanon Heavyweight champion... Came to U.S. to "Beat on American heads."... Won the WWA tag titles with Chris Carter... "We were the International Freedom Fighters until he turned on me."... Wrestled for a few years with the WWF... Some of his toughest matches came against Paul Orndorff, Sgt Slaughter, Bob Orton and the British Bulldogs... Has also wrestled with the CCCW in California... Mohammed has been hurt many times, including a broken collarbone, and he has had to have knee surgery... He has recently been appearing with the CICW... Hopes to be a big part of their promotion... "Big crowds, small crowds - it makes no difference."... Mohammed Jihad Saad is as tough as they come on the local scene...




Subscriber Howard Paget of Niagara Falls would like to thank who ever it was that renewed his subscription... Greg Miller of Hamilton is looking for anyone who used to be a roller derby fan. Contact him at 16 Houghton Ave N, Hamilton, ONT. L8H 4L2... With our first subscriber in Quebec, we are now all across Canada - except the Northwest Territories. Anyone have any friends up there?... Next issue will be at least a couple of pages bigger. Postage costs may cause some hassles, but you'll find out next issue...

# A JAR FULL OF MEMORIES






This recounting of history comes from the memory banks of your editor. Terry's article did not make in this month, but he promises one for next issue.

The first wrestling show that I ever attended live was on August 18, 1985, at Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens. It was a family trip that I remember well. The bout that brings back the most was ANDRE THE GIANT vs JOHN STUDD. It was a great brawl, that featured Andre the Giant cutting the hair of Studd. BOBBY HEENAN then came in with KING KONG BUNDY. Studd & Bundy beat Andre to a pulp. Bundy splashed him four times, and they left him lying. I recall the hush that fell over the crowd when the heels left.

In other matches that night, RICKY STEAMBOAT beat the MAGNIFICENT MURACO. TERRY FUNK survived a fall through the table to fight to a double countout with the JUNKYARD DOG. UNCLE ELMER beat TIGER CHUNG LEE. KING KONG BUNDY beat JOSE LUIS RIVERA. THE HART FOUNDATION beat the KILLER BEES. ADRIAN ADONIS beat LANNY POFFO. RANDY SAVAGE beat BOB MARCUS. DINO BRAVO, as a black haired good guy, beat RICHARD CHARLAND. COUSIN JUNIOR beat TITO ZENZA. RICK MCGRAW beat TED GRIZZLY... Comparing this show to now: There are just 7 wrestlers still working for the WWF. Two of the main eventers work for the NWA now. Two wrestlers have passed away. The rest work independents or don't wrestle at all. Bundy, who was featured in the big angle, now is a PR man for a computer company....

# WRESTLING REPORT VIDEO TAPE GUIDE

I still don't really know how that I want to make my list available. Most of the list will be on computer by the time that you read this, so if you send me some money for postage, I can send you a full listing of any tape listed below.

Another option is to offer a tape of the most recent TV special. This month, you could get a copy of WRESTLE WAR: MUSIC CITY SHOWDOWN and the CLASH OF CHAMPIONS XII: GUTS AND GLORY.

Tapes will be $14.00, or unless otherwise stated. Please contact me if you have any questions at all. I only have a VHS machine, and I plan to use only BASF Chrome tapes for dubbing. Please allow three weeks, mainly for the postal service to get the tape to you. Okay, on to part of the list that I put together ( with help! )...

MISC TAPE #1 – CICW Hamilton May 7th, MuchMusic Piece on Rock'n'Wrestling, Randy Savage on Arsenio Hall, Entertainment Tonight wrestling and more!

MISC TAPE #2 – British Bulldogs at Zehrs Markets, W5 piece on Mad Dog Vachon, WrestleMania II & III matches, wrestlers on talk shows, AWA, WWF, Stampede matches, Wrestling Report on PWP and more!

NWA TAPE #1 – July 1987 – December 1987 Ronnie Garvin vs Ric Flair (09/25/87), Rock'n'Roll Express vs Arn & Tully, Lex Luger turn to good, Mike Rotundo joins Kevin Sullivan, and more hi-lites!

NWA TAPE #2 – December 1987 – June 1988 – Ric Flair vs Sting, Midnight Express vs Fantastics, Barry Windham turn, Road Warriors / Powers of Pain Benchpress challenge, Ric Flair Day in Raleigh, NC and more hi-lites!

NWA TAPE #3 – July 1988 – January 1989 – Varsity Club vs Sting & Road Warriors, Road Warriors turn, Rick Steiner turn, Midnights vs Midnights, Eddie Gilbert & Rick Steamboat vs Flair & Windham, and more hi-lites!

BEST OF WR – Japan, WWF, NWA – Ric Flair vs Barry Windham, Davey Boy Smith vs Dynamite Kid, Dynamite Kid vs Tiger Mask, Hulk Hogan vs Andre the Giant (Japan), Sgt Slaughter vs Pat Patterson, Ted DiBiase vs Hacksaw Duggan... quality not the greatest, but a must see!

I have many other tapes, but these were a few that I thought that you might be interested in. Please take the time to write, and let me know whether or not it is even worth advertising tapes in the bulletin. Other tapes that I have include Stampede, UWF – MidSouth, Memphis, Japan, and WWF – SNME. Quite a few of the tapes are not the best of quality, so I don't really think that they are worth offering. Please make any cheques payable to Greg Oliver.

I am looking forward to hearing what you think on this subject.

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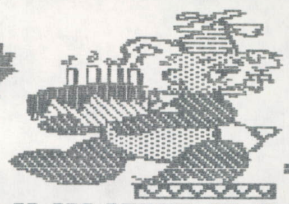

## IT'S OUR FOURTH ANNIVERSARY!!!!

## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Hulk Hogan
WWF Tag – Brain Busters
I-C – Ravishing Rick Rude
NWA – Ric Flair
NWA Tag – Fabulous Freebirds
NWA TV – Title held up
U.S. – Lex Luger
U.S. Tag – First Family
AWA – Larry Zbyszko
AWA Tag – Rheingans & Patera
AWA TV – Greg Gagne
USWA – Jerry Lauler
CWA – Black Bart
CWA Tag – Wildside
North American – Larry Cameron
Int'l Tag – Bob & Kerry Brown
Commonwealth – Chris Benoit
Grand Prix – Rotten Ron Starr
Grand Prix tag – Cuban Commandos
Canadian UWA – Dirty Dan Denton
Canadian Jr – Morrow Renaldo
Canadian Tag – Olympian & Robotron

## CTV To Make Deal With NWA?

Just as we went to press, I received news that the NWA and TED TURNER had signed a deal with CTV for a nationwide deal that would bring Canada NWA World Wide Wrestling.

The deal could not be confirmed by anyone at the CTV headquarters in Toronto though.

CTV would be the best way to go. They have affiliates across Canada. The NWA wouldn't be dealing with many different stations in their syndication system, just CTV Toronto.

More next issue ( I hope! )...

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## Rotten RON STARR
### GRAND PRIX CHAMPION

Being the champion of the Maritime Provinces of Canada is a bigger honour than many people know. The competition is fierce, and the atmosphere great for wrestling.

ROTTEN RON STARR is the current Atlantic Grand Prix Heavyweight champion. He beat the legendary LEO BURKE for the honour. The two warriors have had many battles over the years. This year is no different.

In early July, Burke defended his title against Starr. The match was typical mayhem, and ended with the title being held up. The powers that be put them in a six match series to determine the champion. Starr emerged victorious with six points, to Burke's three points.

The battles will certainly continue for the rest of the Maritime wrestling season.

## Rasslin' Results

**WWF MONTREAL FORUM**
**JUNE 30, 1989**

Roddy Piper beat Randy Savage ( * )... Tito Santana beat Rick Martel in a rematch with special ref Ron Garvin ( * )... Rougeaus beat Rockers with megaphone ( **1/2 ). Rematch next month in a Marathon match - the teams wrestle for one hour, whoever counts the most falls wins... Warlord destroyed Koko B Ware ( -** )... Jimmy Snuka pinned Honkytonk Man ( 1/2* )... Curt Hennig beat Terry Taylor ( ** )...Bad News Brown squashed Richard Charland ( -* )... Thanks to Francois Lalonde...

**NAWA ELLIOT LAKE, ONT JUNE 30, 1989**

Paul Diamond won an 8-man battle royale... Paul Diamond & Tracy Smothers beat Midnight Ramblers for the NAWA tag titles... Stevie Ocean beat Bounty Hunter by DQ... Sledgehammer McGill went to a 45 minute draw with Morgus... Candi Devine beat Donna Sheppard, with special referee Frenchy Lamont...

**WWF TORONTO JULY 9, 1989**

Before a diminutive crowd... Tim Horner beat Mike Sharpe in a good opener... The Genius Lanny Poffo beat Paul Roma. The best part was Poffo calling the fans 'white trash' and 'ignorant Canadians'... Brutus Beefcake beat Randy Savage by DQ. Bruti chased after Sherri's hair. End came when Brutus had Savage in a sleeper, and Sherri interfered. ( DUD - a waste of two great heels )... Warlord destroyed Koko B.Ware. The section I was in wasn't too pleased over Koko's new painted hair. ( DUD )... In a rematch, the Bushwackers beat the Brain Busters. ( ** - for Arn & Tully action above the call of duty, and making this match watchable )... Curt Hennig beat Hercules. Curt was the best worker of the night ( ** )... And finally, the Last Waltz featured Andre the Giant & Haku vs Jim Duggan & Hillbilly Jim. Now you know why the crowd was so small. This match should have been booked for April Fools Day. I have nothing nice to say about this match ( DUD x 2 )...

### UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

Aug 28 Summer Scam on Closed Circuit

### NWA BUFFALO?

The NWA apparently will be swinging to Buffalo and Syracuse in September. They won't be running Detroit, so this is as close as they come. Let me know if you want to go too. Maybe we can all carpool, and have a grand ole time!

## Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

**JULY 29, 1989 From Worcester, MA**
**Taped July 18, 1989**

The special summer edition of SNME was tailor made to sell the upcoming Pay Per View, SUMMER SLAM '89.

In the opening match, HULK HOGAN beat the HONKYTONK MAN. The pre-match interviews made me wince, as they used just every well known ELVIS song in their dialogues. They also showed a fun clip of Honky's 'Greatest Hits.'

In the next match, we were subjected to RON GARVIN's so-called refereeing. Anyone can figure out that he will end up fighting with the heels. In this match, SUPERFLY SNUKA beat GREG VALENTINE.

And in a Summer Scam preview, RANDY SAVAGE, with SENSATIONAL SHERRI, took on BRUTUS BEEFCAKE. It was fun, with all three showing some offense. Sherri took a bump off the apron to the floor, and nearly lost her dress. Savage did a fabulous fall over the top rope to the floor when Bruti lifted him. This fall caused Sherri to return to the dressing room to get ZEUS, and provided a chance for yet another commercial. Zeus, the 'Human Wrecking Machine', proceeded to destroy Brutus until Hulk Hogan ran in. Both Beefcake and Hulk tried to hurt Zeus, but with no effect. They both did a fine job of looking scared of the monster Zeus.

The main event of the night had the WWF tag team titles change hands - the first title change ever on a SNME. The BRAIN BUSTERS, TULLY BLANCHARD & ARN ANDERSON beat DEMOLITION, AXE & SMASH in a 2 out of 3 falls match. Demolition won the first fall by pinning Anderson. The next fall was taken by the BB by DQ, when the referee saw fit to dq Demo for their double teaming. ANDRE THE GIANT also came to ringside during this fall, and somehow you knew that he would play a part. Well, in the third fall, the action was hot. Smash had Arn pinned, until Andre threw a chair to Tully. Blanchard then clobbered Smash, and Arn scored the pin for the win.

The scene then shifted to the locker room, where we saw the HEENAN family celebrating. But the happiness in the heel locker room did not exist in thenext interview as Hogan & Beefcake vowed to somehow beat Zeus & Savage at Summer Slam, August 28th.

## NWA PRO WRESTLING

The NWA Great American Bash Tour continues across the U.S. with less-than-spectacular crowds. Will crowds pick up with the STING & RIC FLAIR vs TERRY FUNK & GREAT MUTA feud?... New to the area are JOHNNY & DAVEY RICH, who on occasion, have teamed with TOMMY RICH... SID VICIOUS of the SKYSCRAPERS is being cheered by the fans, and has a great future... RICKY SANTANA is out with an injury... IRON SHIEK has returned, but will be used as a jobber... SCOTT HALL seems to be going nowhere... The same can be said for BRIAN PILLMAN.... The NWA debuted a new TV show on WTBS called The Power Hour in late June. It featured a segment called the Wrestling News Network, hosted by GORDON SOLIE. The WNN talks news from the NWA, and other leagues like the WWF, Florida and World Class. This is a step that adds a lot of credibility to the NWA... STEVE WILLIAMS has been teaming with the STEINERS & THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS against the FABULOUS FREEBIRDS... CLASH OF THE CHAMPIONS VIII: THE FALL BRAWL is the next big show, scheduled for September 13th...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

With all the hype directed towards Summer Slam, there is not really a lot of other news... THE BRAIN BUSTERS won the WWF tag team titles on SNME from DEMOLITION. The title change is a result of DUSTY RHODES coming to the WWF. TULLY & ARN quit the NWA because they were fed up with Dusty. They were ready to quit the WWF, but VINCE MCMAHON kept them around by giving them the tag titles... JAKE ROBERTS was found guilty of assault and battery in Florida, and is waiting for his sentence to be handed down. He is currently free on bail... THE STEELMAN, of Florida fame, has started with the WWF and appears to be headed towards a feud with AKEEM. The TWIN TOWERS - Akeem & BIG BOSSMAN, will likely split up at Summer Slam... VINCENT YOUNG, the breakdancer from the NWA, has gotten a try-out... BIG JOHN TENTA made the Canadian Press wire with a photo of him headlocking AL TOMKO. He was claiming to be entering the WWF... ANDRE THE GIANT appears headed towards a feud with ULTIMATE WARRIOR... ELIZABETH may soon become a colour commentator... DINO BRAVO & GREG VALENTINE will be reforming their tag team... JESSE VENTURA has announced plans to run for mayor of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota... DUSTY RHODES will feud with the Big Bossman... BOBBY HEENAN now has his own show on the USA Network... RODDY PIPER on USA's Prime Time wrestling said to be good... To comment on another newsletter's statement: As an English speaking Canadian, do you hate French-Canadians, and therefore WWF heels like Bravo, MARTEL & the ROUGEAUS? Just wondering...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

An accident on July 4th had Stampede fans holding their breath. ROSS HART, DAVEY BOY SMITH, JASON THE TERRIBLE, SUMA HARA and CHRIS BENOIT were involved in a head on collision while driving to a show in Prince George, B.C. Fortunately, the injuries are not as severe as they were once thought to be. Jason broke his leg, Benoit & Hara kept wrestling and Davey Boy, who at first was thought to be out for over a year, should be back by the time you read this... Chris Benoit & JOHNNY SMITH have traded the British Commonwealth title back and forth in some of the smaller towns... Davey Boy Smith vs DYNAMITE KID has been put on the backburner until Davey Boy can return. They had to move the July 21st show from the Corral to the Pavillion... RICKY RICE has left the area after a super feud with LARRY CAMERON... JONATHON HOLLIDAY is back... STEVE RAY, who used to wrestle in Kansas City, is new... GREAT GAMA is back... OWEN HART will be back by the time you read this... SUMA HARA will soon have a new tag team partner from Japan... KIM SCHAU appears headed up in the rankings. He is being talked about like BIFF WELLINGTON was before his push...

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

The OLYMPIAN was revealed to be MIKE ROSSELLI, son of commissioner FRED ROSSELLI. Mike is currently tag champ with ROBOTRON, and is feuding with TIMOTHY FLOWERS. Flowers & Rosselli recently met in an amateur rules match...MIKE LOZANSKY is a newcomer who is said to have been trained by Flowers. He is a good guy... MORROW RENALDO somehow got to be Junior champ, and is feuding with the FROG... CHI CHI CRUZ turned good... If you ever get the chance, ask a former Tomko wrestler what they thought of the area. It makes for some great, unprintable stories...

MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

WORLD CLASS

BAM BAM BIGELOW turned against partner JERRY LAWLER... DUTCH MANTELL has turned good once again... DUSTIN RHODES is new to the area... THE BLACKBIRDS, ICEMAN PARSONS & BRICKHOUSE BROWN are being managed by former referee HAROLD HARRIS in the CWA... WILDSIDE, CHRIS CHAMPION & MARK STARR beat BILLY TRAVIS & ACTION JACKSON for the CWA tag belts... BLACK BART is still CWA champion... P.Y.CHU HI beat ERIC EMBRY for the Texas title... JIMMY JACK FUNK has turned heel and is feuding with KEVIN VON ERICH... MIL MASCARAS is still in the area, and has been having matches against AL PEREZ... MATT BORNE & JEFF JARRETT are World Class tag champs... CORPORAL BRADDOCK recently burnt an American flag to show his committment to SCANDOR AKBAR.... KERRY VON ERICH is still feuding with Lawler over the USWA title... NIGHTMARE FREDDY ( TOMMY GILBERT ) is the most popular wrestler in the area right now... RONNIE GOSSETT, the Memphis manager, has faked numerous heart attacks to avoid being beaten upon by Jerry Lawler & friends... BILL DUNDEE has been wrestling in Texas...

AWA NEWS

SGT SLAUGHTER apparently won the AWA World title from LARRY ZBYSZKO on July 8th in Rochester, MN. Slaughter had the belt until president JOE BLANCHARD reviewed the tapes and took the belt away because Slaughter hit the referee... The AWA will be changing their format come September. The idea is to have the wrestlers part of a team, and their wins or losses affecting the teams standing. More next issue... The AWA will be running almost full time in August... ILLUSTRIOUS JOHNNY STUART is a newcomer who will be feuding with PAUL DIAMOND... New AWA merchandise will be hitting the streets soon... Announcer LARRY NELSON has retired... BRAD RHEINGANS will be back very soon...

FL-RIDA Championship Wrestling

With a new owner, things are looking better for the FCW... They have been exchanging talent with World Class & the CWA... STEVE KEIRN is Florida champ... JOHNNY K-9 is headed down in late August... THE PLAYBOYS are a new tag team of BRETT SAWYER & JIM BACKLUND... The PWF title is history... The FCW has plans to include more women's wrestling...

OTHER NEWS

The CICW out of Hamilton has plans to run again in September. They were happy to be included on a recent Pro Wrestling Plus show... There is an independent running out of Winnipeg, Manitoba called the WFWA. It is run by TONY CONDELLO & JOEY AYELLO, and they have a 1 hour TV show on CTV Channel 7 at 5 pm on Sundays. I would appreciate any other info about this group, and a tape if possible... I am also looking for information on the Motor City Promotion in Michigan.... The Toronto Star recently ran a contest to determine the Top Toronto Sporting Events in History. The top wrestling event was #30, LOU THESZ beating BUDDY ROGERS for the NWA World title on January 24, 1963. This title change caused the formation of the WWF. The top Toronto Event was the Toronto Blue Jays winning the AL East Pennant in 1985... DOUG FELTOM of Waterdown has plans to promote again. He claims to be bringing DON MURACO and KEN PATERA in for shows near the 25th of August in Aylmer, Themsford, Ridgetown and Wheatly Ontario. Check with the arena before going!... NICK DECARLO's PAN-AM WRESTLING did not get off the ground in Cambridge. It was cancelled due to lack of ticket sales... ANTONIO INOKI has announced his retirement from the rings of Japan to run for political office... The U.A.W.F. Fan Convention runs August 11-13 in Chicago. A few readers and I will be headed down. The AWA is putting on a show for us...

I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

BRIAN PILLMAN may be the next NWA star to move to the lights of the WWF. VINCE MCMAHON likely realizes the potential of this youngster... The NWA and TED TURNER have apparently fallen short on promised payments again... The latest Saturday Night's Main Event had its third best ratings ever, surprising because it was a weak line-up, and in the summer... THE WHITE KNIGHTS, DALE VEASEY & DEWAYNE BRUCE, who were recently in Stampede had a NWA try-out...

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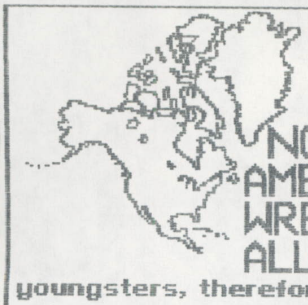



## ORANGEVILLE SPORTS COMPLEX
### JULY 2, 1989 By: Jim Connolly

This was to be the last night of a tour that went to such areas as Elliot Lake, Midland and Pembroke. The show featured name stars such as Paul Diamond, Tracy Smothers and Candi Devine.

I arrived in Orangeville to find a small line up of friendly locals chatting with Sledgehammer McGill. He had a real rapport with the fans, especially the youngsters, therefore, he became the crowd favorite this particular night.

Since there have been so few small town wrestling shows in Ontario in the last few years, I was primed for action, but the action I got wasn't all in the ring.

There was a short delay, which turned into a long wait. Something was wrong. The wrestlers were scurrying all over. I cornered Paul Diamond and asked what all the fuss was about. It seemed that promoter Chris Drury had skipped town with all the advance money from the previous week. Donna Sheppard, a lady wrestler, was really upset, as she explained to me that she had $8 to her name and had to get to Memphis the next day to work.

The deal for this tour was that the promoter flew the wrestlers in and provided the van to get from show to show. Drury was also going to get them all to Detroit and pay them for their week's work after the Orangeville card. With no apparent money and a crowd of maybe 100, most of the wrestlers decided to 'walk.' The fans wouldn't get their money back, as it was the only money the wrestlers had. What a mess!

Three squad cars soon arrived and took statements. Finally, some of the wrestlers decided to put on a show. It started slow, with several delays, but, by the end all the wrestlers performed and showed their class.

The card itself was pretty good, and here are the results: Rip Sawyer fought to a no contest with Diamond Dave Cassanova. These two wrestlers are known as the Midnight Ramblers. They fought each other and there was a heated exchange between the two... Sledgehammer McGill beat Morgus the Outpatient... Steve E Ocean beat NAWA champ, the Bounty Hunter, by DQ when he was thrown over the top rope... Candi Devine beat Donna Sheppard... Badd Company (Paul Diamond & Tracy Smothers) beat the Midnight Ramblers for the NAWA tag belts... Battle Royal - Order of Elimination - 1) Ocean 2 & 3) Sledgehammer & Morgus 4) Smothers 5) Bounty Hunter 6) Paul Diamond. This left the two Midnight Ramblers to split the pot, however Diamond Dave clotheslined Sawyer for the victory. After the match, chairs were flying as the two smashed each other. In fact, at one point, the referee lost his cool and smashed Sawyer head first into the steel post.

In short, this card was pretty good. I was impressed at how accessable big names like Paul Diamond were to the fans. It's a shame that small town wrestling, that offers an alternative to the WWF doesn't survive due to lack of fan support and unscrupulous promoters.

## EDITORIAL
AUGUST 1989 by: Greg Oliver

### The Business of Thieves, Crooks & Honesty

Pro Wrestling is a different sport. Matches are not won by talent alone. Stars are not made by just putting the wrestler in the ring. In today's wrestling world, you need so many things to put on a show. The biggest is money.

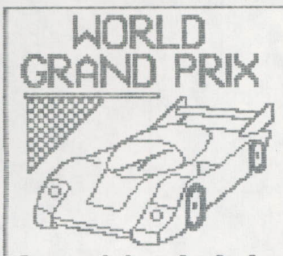
In Ontario, to run a wrestling show, you are required to have a promoter's license, which does not really cost very much, but does require all of your actions to be reported to the Boxing & Wrestling Commission. You also need a $10,000 insurance bond to ensure that you pay your wrestlers and have the show the fans wanted.

Unfortunately, the rules have discouraged many promoters from promoting. The ones that do are usually doing it illegally because they can't put up the cash.

This was the problem from the preceding story. I was contacted by both promoter CHRIS DRURY, and his 'partner' in the venture CIGI BRIANNE. I have known both people for a while. It comes down to a question of who to believe.

Chris accuses Cigi of not providing her portion of the money. Cigi claims that she had no financial involvement, that she was just the booker. Both parties have contacted the police, and are planning civil suits.

The crooked side of wrestling is seldom exposed. Promoters stiffing wrestlers on payments. Wrestlers walking out. Fights. Illegal shows. I don't like it, but what does that matter. It has always been there. The world needs more honest people, and not just in wrestling. Why can't people be truthful and friendly? Why can't eating your vitamins, saying your prayers, and being good to yourself be enough?




# The Wrestling Report Summer East Coast Tour

In July I was privileged to travel to the East Coast of Canada with the 24th Kitchener Venturer Company and Harvey Ring. It was a great trip, highlighted by our visit to the 7th Canadian Boy Scout Jamboree at Fort Amherst, PEI. But in asking those I travelled with, the most popular event of our trip was pro wrestling - Grand Prix Pro Wrestling to be exact.

Once I hunted down the wrestling action, thanks to Charlie, Rodney and the Nova Scotia Travel bureau, we made plans to go. The nearest town it was running was Bridgewater, N.S., while that night we were staying in Halifax. In the van we got, and drove the 100+ km to the show. We weren't disappointed.

Grand Prix in Bridgewater does not sell advance tickets. Therefore there was a line up of locals waiting in line. We got in line, and listened. It was a fascinating look at small town Nova Scotia, and the part wrestling plays. Just about everyone in line came every Friday. It was the thing to do.

The fans were very friendly, as we sat around for an hour and a half, waiting for the show to begin. There was excited discussion about last week's near riot, when a few drunken fans got into a fight with some wrestlers. The security force refused to work the week we were there, as a protest for the previous week's mayhem.

The referee RON GOGAIN took lots of heat from the regulars, as each week he is called upon to miss many evil deeds. He refereed the entire night.

The first match saw WAYNE GILLIS battle PAT BRADY to a time limit draw. It was an excellent, fast paced battle. They did the five more minute routine, with heel Brady walking away. ( ** )

Next was EDDIE WATTS, tonight acting like RANDY SAVAGE, taking on STOMPIN PAUL PELLER. Watts is an unstable character who has potential.

Peller, a tough veteran, won this match. ( * ). On next was JERRY MORROW vs STEVE CASEY, billed as the British Empire champ. Casey is really good and worked great against the veteran Morrow. They battled to an exciting double countout ( **1/2 ).

One of the matches the people came to see had LEO BURKE vs RON STARR. It was a non title, No DQ match that didn't disappoint us. These two and ref Gogain work well together. Leo got the surprise roll-up at 15:35. Starr then yelled and screamed more. ( *1/2 )... And in the main event of the night, the CUBAN ASSASSIN faced off against the BEAST in a Lumberjack match. Jerry Morrow tried to get a cheer of "Go Cuban Go" going, but he was not the fan favorite tonight. The Beast hung tough and beat the Cuban when he was knocked off the top rope. ( ** )...

I talked to a few of the wrestlers, and many agreed that there was not enough media coverage for them. Unfortunately, many of the wrestlers were from the old school, and did not welcome me with open arms. Promoter EMILE DUPREE was not there that night, or he would have provided a fine interview.

The crowd couldn't have been more than 150 people, but they were very vocal. Everyone who came had a good time. We met some real characters in the crowd, including two 60 year old, white haired & bearded twins who, according to them "Go to bingo every night, but Fridays are for wrestling."

After just one night, it was easy to see why Grand Prix has survived for so many years. It provides what the fans want - a chance to have fun.

GRAND PRIX wrestling was a refreshing change for me. It was a look at what it used to be like around here, with the same people going to see the same wrestlers each and every week. The wrestlers meant something to the fans, and the fans meant something to the wrestlers. Wouldn't it be nice to see that happen again?

# A JAR FULL OF MEMORIES
With Terry Dart

This month's recounting of history come courtesy a Big Bear Promotions show in Brampton, May 29, 1982.

In the opener, the CAROLINA KID beat IVAN THE TERRIBLE in a midget match after 14 minutes.

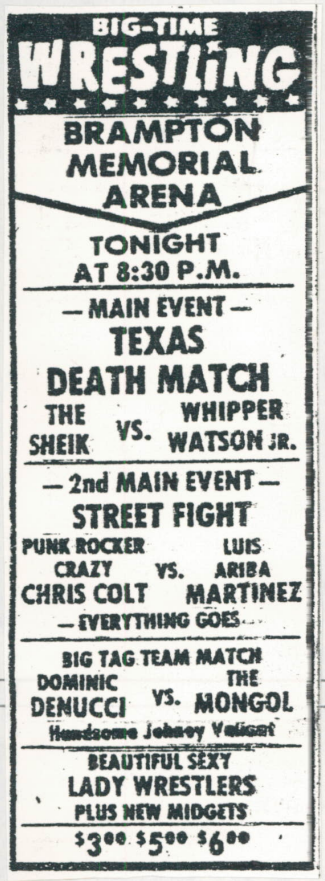
In the 2nd bout, THE SHIEK kept his U.S.title when he beat WHIPPER WATSON JR with the camel clutch. It was 22 minutes of wild action, which even included a fire ball.

In bout three, DEBBIE COMBS beat VICIOUS DONNA DAY.

The fourth match was a Street Fight Match, in which CRAZY CHRIS COLT beat LUIS MARTINEZ in one of the wildest matches I have ever seen. They destroyed the concession stand, brooms and all sorts of other things. The two carried the fight out into the crowd, into the bleachers and out the arena doors into the street. It was incredible. Colt won after 32 minutes when Martinez was hit with an old wash-room sink. The pinfall was actually counted on the floor of the men's washroom!

And in the main event, BRUNO SAMMARTINO JR & JOHNNY VALIANT won a real donnybrook against THE WOLFMAN & THE MONGOL. Sammartino Jr scored the pin after a series of dropkicks on the Mongol. Following the match, a fan tried to attack Mongol and had the daylights beat out of him.

NOTES: Attendance 1,500. Promoted by the late WILDMAN DAVE MCKIGNEY, who is sadly missed by myself and many other fans and wrestlers... THE SHIEK wrestled in Toronto & Detroit in the 60's & 70's. I saw him originally win the U.S. title in 1965 with outside help from BULLDOG BROWER... CHRIS COLT was once one of the HELL'S ANGELS in Detroit... LUIS MARTINEZ was also known as APACHE LOU..




# GLORY DAYS
July 23, 1989
Baltimore, MD

The PPV spectacular, the Great American Bash: Glory Days, was indeed spectacular. In the main event, RIC FLAIR kept the NWA World title by pinning TERRY FUNK. Following the match came one of the greatest brawls of all time. GARY HART brought GREAT MUTA in, and all three beat on Flair until STING made the save. The four-way brawl continued for almost 10 minutes!... In other matches... LEX LUGER beat RICK STEAMBOAT by DQ in another great match. Steamboat was DQ'd for using a chair on Luger... STING vs GREAT MUTA was ruled a no-contest. The TV title was held up, as both wrestlers were counted down. The Sting vs Muta feud is far from over... The WAR GAMES was won by the team of STEVE WILLIAMS, ROAD WARRIORS & MIDNIGHT EXPRESS over the SST and FREEBIRDS when JIMMY GARVIN submitted to a hangman hold... In a Tornado match, RICK & SCOTT STEINER beat MIKE ROTUNDO & KEVIN SULLIVAN... BRIAN PILLMAN beat BILL IRWIN... JIM CORNETTE beat PAUL E DANGEROUSLY in a Tuxedo match... SKY-SCRAPERS beat DYNAMIC DUDES... And the SKYSCRAPERS also won the finals of the two ring triple crown battle royal, making their manager TEDDY LONG real happy...

## VIDEO TAPE

For your copy of CLASH VII: Guts & Glory and BASH '89: Glory Days, send just $14 to the Wrestling Report! Please make cheques payable to Greg Oliver. Other NWA supershows are available too! Write for more information!

BLAST FROM THE PAST
WRESTLING TODAY IN PERSPECTIVE WITH THE PAST
by: HOWDY DOODY

Probally one of the greatest tag teams of all time and one of my favorites were the FABULOUS KANGAROOS. The Roo's consisted of two Australians – ROY HEFFERNAN & AL COSTELLO, usually assisted by their manager, ex-wrestler RED BERRY. I witnessed many of their exciting matches and once saw Heffernan, ex-carnival strong man, break chains on his chest, crush various objects and tear a very thick Vancouver phone book in half!

Al Costello ( real name Giacoma Costa ) started his wrestling down under as the 'singing wrestler.' He had early operatic training and used it in his early wrestling career, striding around in a purple robe, crooning through a hand mike. Besides wrestling, he performed in many operatic concerts in the early '50's... Roy and Al held many championships, including the World, International, and U.S. titles. They finished off their opponents with one of their varied holds, such as the "Kangaroo Dive", "Aussie Duplex", "Jack Knife", "Australian Backbreaker", or their famous "Boomerang." Before matches, they tossed out small cardboard boomerangs, compliments of Wrestling Revue ( see below )... After the death of Roy Heffernan, Al Costello continued the Kangaroo name with other partners such as DON KENT, but none came close to the original Fabulous Kangaroos!

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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Hulk Hogan
WWF Tag – Brain Busters
I-C – Ultimate Warrior
NWA – Ric Flair
NWA Tag – Fabulous Freebirds
NWA TV – Title Held Up
U.S. – Lex Luger
AWA – Larry Zbyszko
AWA Tag – Title Held Up
AWA TV – Greg Gagne
USWA – Jerry Lawler
CWA – Black Bart
CWA Tag – Wildside
Texas – Eric Embry
North American – Larry Cameron
Int'l Tag – Samurai Warriors
Commonwealth – Great Gama

## EDITORIAL

For the month of SEPTEMBER 1989

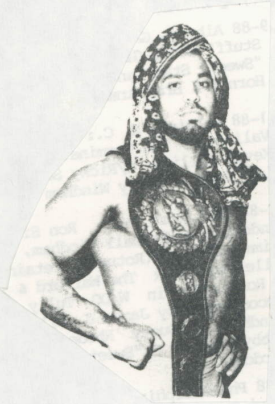
**BACK TO SCHOOL RAMBLINGS**

My mind has been wandering in the last few hours before summer ends and school starts...

Have you ever noticed that Titan Sports & Vince McMahon really know what they are doing? A new line of '89 wrestling dolls has come out, not any different than the old ones, just in a new package. This forces stores to mark down the old, out-of-date wrestlers to make room for new ones. I've picked up Ted DiBiase & One Man Gang for $3.00 each... The Stampede belts have to be the best in the business. By having them so old and worn, the titles look like they are worth fighting for, having years of history behind them... I miss Makhan Singh. Norman the Lunatic doesn't get a chance to talk like Makhan did... I guess from now on I'll have to leave parties by midnight to get home for the 12:30 am showing of the NWA on CFTO... Is it just me, or is Suma Hara better now that he is a Samurai Warrior?... Where did the small, quiet Rick Martel go? He reminds me of the Ultimate Warrior... Why is Whipper Billy Watson not in the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame featured at the CNE?...

## THE GREAT GAMA

**BRITISH COMMONWEALTH CHAMPION**



Whenever he returns to the region, the Great Gama seems to win the Stampede title for light heavyweights, whether through fair or through foul.

Over the years, he has amassed an impressive record, including six British Commonwealth titles.

This time, he beat CHRIS BENOIT for the title in a two out of three falls match. Compared to some of his past wins, this one was honourable.

At 5'10", 225 pounds, the Great Gama is not the most impressive physical specimen or flashiest wrestler on the Stampede circuit. He doesn't do the world's best interviews. Billed from Karachi, Pakistan, his heritage does not mean that he is hated. No, the Great Gama has gotten to where he is through consistency. He performs well every night, he is convincing and believeable.

Great Gama has proven to be a man worthly of the British Commonwealth title, time and time again.

## NWA To Start On CFTO Toronto

At last report before printing, the NWA was set to start on CFTO-TORONTO, channel 9, on September 16th at 12:30 am. They have plans to show NWA PRO and WORLD WIDE on Saturdays and Sundays at 12:30 am.

Let's hope it all works out!

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COMMONWEALTH REPORT

# TRANSGLOBAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

NEWS FROM DOWN UNDER

Report by: Louis Nasopoulos

Down here in Melbourne, Australia, we too have a wrestling promotion, called Transglobal Wrestling Federation (TWF). It usually holds two or three events each month, mostly in the city of Melbourne, but occassionally ventures out to smaller towns around the southern state of Victoria.

My good friend Danny Davis and I are part of a small band of hardcore wrestling fans who fanatically follow the TWF. We have decided to contribute to your newsletter some arena results from the most recent TWF card held in Melbourne.

ST.ALBANS TOWN HALL, ST ALBANS

August 8, 1989 Crowd about 1,000

Jim "The Macedonian Marvel" beat the Flying Choco in 18:44... Mad Dog Spence beat Paul Superfly in 14:27 to retain his TWF Championship belt. After the match, Mad Dog attacked his manager, the Master Manager, but has not turned babyface yet... George "Hit Man" Julio beat Mad Max Miller in 14 minutes in a heel vs heel match... Casey Miller beat Brendan Starr in 14:53... Italian Tank beat Sam Rossi in 10:43... Con "The Golden Greek" Iakovides beat the Yugoslav Bear by DQ when the Italian Tank interfered at the 21 minute mark, to set up a Tank vs Golden Greek feud...

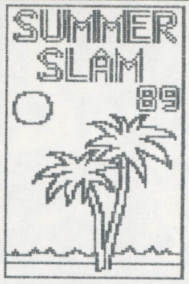
## Rasslin' Results

The most that can be found on the local scene is the AYLMER FRAUD.

DOUG FELTOM, he of the big stories and small cash flow, has finally gone up against the wrong people. After backing out of four shows in Aymer, Ridgetown, Wheatley and Thamesford, Ontario at the last minute, the Ontario Provincial Police are after him. He made an appearance to collect the advance gate money from a local store in Aymer ( about $100 ), and then left town.

This is not the first time that he has backed out on a show - but once the police catch up with him, it will certainly be his last.

Thanks for giving wrestling a bad name.




AUGUST 28, 1989

MEADOWLANDS ARENA

The reports on Summer Slam have varied quite a bit. That is one advantage of having a few different people report on the show.

In the first match, the WWF tag team champion BRAIN BUSTERS beat the HART FOUNDATION with a surprising clean pin. ARN ANDERSON pinned JIM NEIDHART for the win... DUSTY RHODES beating HONKYTONK MAN was really no surprise. JIMMY HART accidentally hit Honky with the guitar to set up the pin... CURT HENNIG beat RED ROOSTER TERRY TAYLOR with the fisherman suplex in a good match... TITO SANTANA & the ROCKERS lost to RICK MARTEL & the ROUGEAUS when Martel pinned Marty Jannetty... THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR beat RAVISHING RICK RUDE to regain the Intercontinental title. ROWDY RODDY PIPER provided the distraction at ringside that helped Ultimate to catch Rude by surprise. The match was about 20 minutes long and had good drama throughout... DEMOLITION & HACKSAW DUGGAN beat BIG BOSSMAN, AKEEM & ANDRE THE GIANT when SMASH pinned Akeem... Next up, RONNIE GARVIN, as special ring announcer. He introduced the HERCULES vs GREG VALENTINE match, thoroughly thrashing Jimmy Hart & Valentine in the intro. In the match, Valentine pinned Herc, and predictably, Garvin beat up Valentine afterward... TED DIBIASE beat JIMMY SNUKA by countout... And in the main event, HULK HOGAN & BRUTUS BEEFCAKE with ELIZABETH beat ZEUS & RANDY SAVAGE with SENSATIONAL SHERRI. Zeus, in his ring debut, didn't mess up, but on the other hand, didn't do much. He was pinned by the Huckster after getting hit by Sherri's loaded purse. Zeus can't be hurt by a chair, but a purse will knock him down. Sherri brought extra hair, in the form of a wig, to be chopped off at the conclusion of the mayhem...

So, Summer Slam hype is over for another year. Next up is the SURVIVOR SERIES, and then a new PPV planned for December...

## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

SEPT 17 WWF TORONTO

## NWA BUFFALO SEPTEMBER 30, 1989

The NWA is coming to Buffalo on September 30th and I'll be there. Be sure to drop by the sixth row on the floor to say hi. I'll have my Ric Flair shirt on. Order your tickets from TICKETRON today. It's the closest the NWA comes to Toronto!

## NWA PRO WRESTLING

RICK STEAMBOAT has left the NWA after failing to agree on a new contract. This is one of the many things wrong with the NWA... TOMMY RICH has begun a feud with US Champ LEX LUGER... RIC FLAIR has taken over as chairman of the booking committee... Newcomers include DICK SLATER, BRAD ARMSTRONG, CUBAN ASSASSIN ( DAVE SIERRA from Portland ), and the STATE HIGHWAY PATROL - DWAYNE BRUCE & DALE VEASY ( the White Knights in Calgary )... PAUL E DANGEROUSLY will not be managing for a while. He has broken up with the SAMOAN SWAT TEAM. Many names have been batted around as the new manager for the SST... They have been running an angle where RICK STEINER has 'fallen' for a girl in the TBS studio, named ROBIN GREENE. Very soon, she will turn into KEVIN SULLIVAN's wife, FALLEN ANGEL... Dick Slater will be joining GARY HART's stable... The TV title is still held up, pending matches between GREAT MUTA & STING... The U.S. tag team titles have disappeared... Look for BRIAN PILLMAN to get a big push, and team with Flair & Sting... Rick & SCOTT Steiner have beaten the FABULOUS FREEBIRDS in a few non-title World tag matches... The September 12th Clash of the Champions headlines Flair & Sting vs TERRY FUNK & Muta... THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS will be facing the SKYSCRAPERS in a fall series of matches...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

HOT HOD ROWDY RODDY PIPER has returned to wrestling full time, in a headlining feud against RICK RUDE... JAKE 'the Snake' ROBERTS has not gone to trial yet, but is set to return to the ring and resume his hot feud with TED DIBIASE. October 1st in Niagara Falls, NY has Roberts & HULK HOGAN vs DiBiase & RANDY SAVAGE on top... ANDRE THE GIANT was recently arrested after attacking a cameraman who he thought had filmed his 30 second loss to the ULTIMATE WARRIOR in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Giant was later released on bail, but has continued to be squashed by the Warrior around the U.S... Crowds have been less than happy when the scheduled main event of Andre vs Warrior goes only 30 seconds... RONNIE GARVIN is back wrestling, and is after GREG VALENTINE... Lets hope that they do something with MR PERFECT CURT HENNIG after keeping him undefeated. A feud with Hogan or Warrior maybe?... ELIZABETH will be touring in Hulk's corner, and rough up SENSATIONAL SHERRI on occasion... JESSE VENTURA has apparently been offered a spot as announcer for the Tampa Bay Buccanneers... Summer Slam crowds were not that good around Ontario. Consider 1,200 in the London Gardens when WrestleMania drew a packed house of over 4,000. It still is nice to have it there if you want to go though... I keep hearing SkyDome in Toronto as the site for WrestleMania 6...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

OWEN HART has returned, and has been drawing close to capacity crowds wherever he wrestles. Most of his matches have been against the DYNAMITE KID or JOHNNY SMITH. He is off to a tour of Japan now... THE SAMURAI WARRIORS, SUMA HARA & SASAKI beat BOB & KERRY BROWN for the Int'l tag titles. Don't expect Kerry Brown to be around much longer... MAXIMUM OVERDRIVE was one very green team. I don't think that they should have been put in against the Browns so quickly... LARRY CAMERON will be fighting Owen Hart... GREAT GAMA beat CHRIS BENOIT for the British Commonwealth title. Expect BIFF WELLINGTON to upset Gama for the title, and then maybe a Wellington vs Benoit feud... KIM SCHAU is looking better every week... There has been talk of doing a live show on TSN... They recently claimed that Stampede is seen in 30 countries. The power of satellite... Rumours have it that Stampede has been negotiating for a spot on ESPN... DAVEY BOY SMITH is recuperating nicely from the car accident. Reports vary on when he will be back full-time... There has been talk of a co-promotional supercard with the PWA of Minnesota... Expect some new faces in the area soon. They need some...

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

FRED ROSSELLI is now claiming to be the promoter of the area. He has announced that many changes are coming, including a name change to the Pacific Wrestling Association... One of those changes, it has been rumoured, is a deal with DON OWEN's Portland group to co-promote... DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS will be out for 12 weeks after DAN DENTON and six other wrestlers destroyed his leg with baseball bats & tire irons. Sure. He probally fell down the stairs... BUZZ GROGAN & MOONDOG MORRETTI are back... MORROW RENALDO lost all of his clothes in a match against the FROG...

## CONVENTION '89 HOT AUGUST NIGHTS

The United Association of Wrestling Fans held its second annual convention August 11–14 in Chicago, Illinois. I was privileged to attend again this year, travelling down by train with Jim Connolly of Barrie. We left a day early, hoping to catch a Chicago Cubs game. Unfortunately, Wrigley Field was sold out each day we were there. Chicago impressed us as a very organized major league city, with public transit thankfully running out to the airport. But it was wrestling we went to see.

Friday featured a trivia contest in which this young editor surprised some of the elder fans in attendance by advancing to the semi finals. That round was done Jeopardy style. I bowed out gracefully with zero points.

Both Saturday and Sunday featured open convention, where I signed up some new subscribers to the newsletter. I'd like to welcome them to the WR, and thank Wade "5 O'Clock Shadow" Keller of the Pro Wrestling Torch for sharing his table with me.

Saturday afternoon, a press conference was held, where we got a chance to ask questions of former AWA World champ NICK BOCKWINKEL, AWA newcomer JONNIE STEWART, Stewart's manager TROY MONTANA and others. It proved to be an interesting experience, as Bockwinkel thoroughly outclassed the other panel guests.

Saturday night was a wrestling show, put on by Windy City Wrestling. The promotion was very nice, and provided the UAWF with front row tickets inside the ropes. They also held a special prize draw just for UAWF members.

On Sunday night, the UAWF had its Ring Of Immortals Banquet. Nick Bockwinkel, Buddy Rogers, Bruiser & Crusher, Gordon Solie, and Paul Boesch were inducted. They also gave out the Terry Justice Fan of the Year to WR subscriber Steve Sims of Chicago. Many of you will remember Terry Justice, and his well known bulletin, Main Event Wrestling. He was an extremely well known wrestling fan from Rochester, NY who was often willing to drive to Toronto, and vicinity just to see wrestling.

The entire convention was a great experience. It is not just the wrestling, but the people you meet and the friends you make.

I'd like to try something like this here in Ontario, with a bunch of subscribers getting together for a good time. Let me know what you think, especially if you would like to organize the get–together.

To join the UAWF, and maybe attend next year's convention in either Atlanta, Philadelphia or Minnesota, send $15.00 U.S. to the U.A.W.F. P.O.Box 215 Galesburg, IL. 61402.

I would like to thank Jon Gallagher and the UAWF for the great time!

## WINDY CITY WRESTLING

Windy City Wrestling has been running for about the last two years in and around the city of Chicago. The promoter is SAM DICERO, who was one of the MAXX BROTHERS a few years back. They have TV outlets in Chicago and other locales. The official name for the promotion is World Conference of Wrestling.

The night that the UAWF attended was a TV taping, so we were subjected to numerous squash matches. It was still fun though. The Windy City staff was very nice, and made you feel welcome.

The crowd was about 150, and it was the best looking crowd I've ever seen! Many of the men had suits on and the women... wow!

Anyway, the show was good, and here are the results: The Tyrant and Frank 'The Tank' Nelson fought to a double countout... The Hangmen beat the Windy City Dream Team... Captain Fantastic beat Mr Society... Awesome Ondy Austin beat Debbie Combs by DQ. Cora Combs was at ringside, and together the Combs yelled and screamed at everyone... Gary Goode beat Johnny Mercedes... Hurricane Smith beat Colonel DeBeers by DQ... Ron Ritchie ( not the one from Calgary ) & Sonnie Rogers beat the Twin Turbos... Stormy Apollo beat the Nasty Nat... Miss Kitty beat Sexy Sindy... The Golden Boyz beat Executioner & Nasty Nat... Ken Patera beat Steve Regal by DQ in a match for Regal's WCW title. Regal looked good, minus his beard, but Patera was real boring... And in the main event, Buddy Rose & Doug Somers beat WCW tag team champions, the Terminators by DQ. After the match, Rose promised to continue the match if the fans could come up with $100, which the fans did thanks to a plant in the audience. The match then continued for another 30 seconds or so.

Windy City Wrestling was worth a look, but too far away for a second one!

MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

The CWA has turned into a real movie goers circus. Headlining are NIGHTMARE FREDDY, THE UNDERTAKER, THE ZOMBIE, JASON, THE WOLFMAN, and FRANKENSTEIN... New to the areas are COUSIN JR, GARY ALBRIGHT ( VOKHAN SINGH ), the ROCK'n'ROLL EXPRESS, AL PEREZ, HEADBANGER ED, DIRTY WHITE BOY TONY ANTHONY and TARAS BULBA... The reason for the double graphic is the changes that have taken place. The battle for control over World Class was won by ERIC EMBRY and the good guy USWA when he beat World Class' P.Y.CHU HI ( PHIL HICKERSON ) in a cage match. So, the World Class region is now known as the USWA... JERRY LAWLER vs BAM BAM BIGELOW has been bringing the crowds up... JEFF JARRETT & RICK MORTON won the newly created Tennessee tag titles by beating the BLACKBIRDS - ICEMAN PARSONS & BRICKHOUSE BROWN... In the USWA, Jerry Lawler seemingly lost to MIL MASCARAS in a USWA title match. Mascaras left with the title, but due to the referee being knocked out, he had to return the belt to Lawler... FABULOUS JACKIE FARGO is feuding with RONNIE GOSSETT, the manager... DUTCH MANTELL is feuding with the MASTER OF PAIN... There are now three SIMPSONS BROTHERS in wrestling - STEVE, SHAUN & STUART... THE HILLBILLIES, UNCLE ELMER & Cousin Jr, beat WILDSIDE in a non-title CWA tag match... BUDDY LANDELL is back in the CWA has challenged Lawler for the title... CWA champ BLACK BART is still feuding with BILL DUNDEE & DUSTIN RHODES. They have met in a few Australian Rules Football matches, where the object is to get the key to unlock your partner that is on the football. The ball is often played into the crowd, where they get a chance to participate by helping either team...

WORLD CLASS

USWA

## AWA NEWS

The tag team titles were held up, following a match between KEN PATERA & BARON VON RASCHKE vs DESTRUCTION CREW. Look for ENOS & BLOOM to win the titles in a tournament and then feud with newcomers, BOBBY & JACKIE FULTON - the NEW FANTASTICS... Other newcomers to the AWA include the RUSSIAN BRUTE, managed by OX BAKER, KOKINA THE SAVAGE, JOHNNIE STEWART managed by TROY MONTANA and likely more soon... AKIO SATO is now billed as the Central States champ in his feud against PAUL DIAMOND...

OTHER NEWS

Wrestling out in the WFWA Winnipeg are DIAMOND TIM FLOWERS, AKIM SINGH - who refereed out in Calgary for a while, DAVEY JAMES and STEVE GILESPE. They also have some ladies wrestling... Continental Wrestling now features the re-united STUD STABLE of ROBERT FULLER, SLYVIA, JIMMY GOLDEN, DOWNTOWN BRUNO & BRIAN LEE... STEVE DISALVO is still the Universal champion in Puerto Rico. He has feuds going with ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER & CARLOS COLON... Out in the Maritimes, the son of the CUBAN ASSASSIN, who's name I believe is David, recently got involved in the action as a flagbearer. I met him when I was out east, and he expressed interest in starting in pro wrestling. He is eighteen... ROTTEN RON STARR is being escorted to the ring by his wife PEACHES. As far as I know, he has finished the Stampede season as champion... I think that it is about time PHIL LAFLEUR / DAN KROFFAT got a chance with a big promotion. He is over big in Japan, but around here, he wrestles with Grand Prix...

Thank you for all the orders for video tapes. Hope that you all enjoyed them. Videos are not our main business though. Please renew your subscription as soon as your notice comes. Help publicize the Canadian WR - order a subscription for a friend today! I'd like to build our numbers by at least 50 by the end of the year.

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

TOM ZENK, NORD THE BARBARIAN & NIKITA KOLOFF are a few names said to be coming to the NWA... Expect the WWF to go after RICK STEAMBOAT. Imagine how much they would enjoy burying the latest NWA champ at the bottom of a card...

TSN will be changing their formatt for pro wrestling. Not certain, but I believe that there will only be two one hour shows. Wait and see before you start writing letters... MATT & BRET DERRINGER of the PWA are headed to Stampede...

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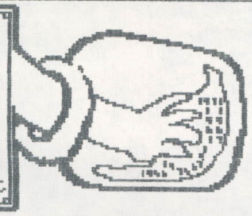


# Mat promoters schedule cards two days apart

It was June 1979 when JACK TUNNEY squared off in a promotional battle against WILDMAN DAVE MCKIGNEY. At stake was the wrestling loyalties of London, Ontario.

JUNE 23, 1979 - BIG BEAR PROMOTIONS - CENTENNIAL HALL

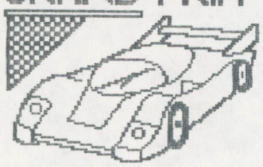
LITTLE ATOM beat FUZZY CUPID with a sunset flip at 12:10... PAT & MIKE KELLY lost a torrid tag team affair to VIC ROSSETTINI & DEWEY ROBERTSON. The Kellys pulled out all their devious tricks, such as kicking, hair pulling, illegal tags and more. But Dewey used an atomic drop on both Kellys to end the match at 31:10... WALDO VON ERICH, the Arrogant German lost to WILDMAN GENE DUBOIS (Dave McKigney) in 22 minutes. This was a barnburner of a match, as both men fought dirty, exchanging kicks, chokes, and played hangman on each other with a rope. Waldo was disqualified for a low blow... The crowd buzzed with anticipation of THE SHIEK's return and the U.S. title match he had scheduled against the MIGHTY IGOR. The Shiek attacked Igor's manager, IVAN KALMIKOFF with a sharp object. Igor saw this, went beserk, and cut the Shiek open. Both men were counted out at 28:07...

JUNE 25, 1979 - MAPLE LEAF WRESTLING - TREASURE ISLAND GARDENS

CHRIS TOLOS wrestled to a 10-minute draw with THE BEAST, JOHN YACCHETTI... DEWEY ROBERTSON beat SILENT BRIAN MCKNEE following at dropkick at 6:10... In a wild bout, PAUL ORNDORFF & JAY YOUNGBLOOD beat BRUTE BERNARD & BIG MOOSE MOROWSKI. After some furious midring shennanigans, Brute accidentally hit Morowski. Orndorff & Youngblood then used the good ole double clothesline off the ropes and pinned Moose in 23 minutes... JUMPING JIM BRUNZELL scored a big upset over ERNIE 'Big Cat' LADD. Brunzell won with a reverse cradle at 16:08!... RICKY STEAMBOAT beat U.S. Champion Nature Boy RIC FLAIR by DQ at 17:14. Flair hit referee TERRY YORKSTON for the DQ...

Portions of this article were reprinted from Terry Justice's Main Event Wrestling.

WORLD GRAND PRIX



**Wrestler Profile**

With the Grand Prix Wrestling season having wound down, here's a profile of a two-year veteran of the Maritime Wars...

## WAYNE GILLIS

**210 pounds Height 5'10"**
**Seattle, Washington**

Probally best known for his stints with Tomko Wrestling in Vancouver as BUDDY WAYNE... Was trained in Portland by PLAYBOY BUDDY ROSE & OLE OLSON... In Tomko, he became tag team champion with THE FROG, and was also Canadian Junior champ... Says "cheap" best describes promoter AL TOMKO... Raised in McKinney, Texas. Wayne grew up watching, and idolizing JERRY LAWLER, AUSTIN IDOL and BRETT SAWYER... Has wrestled in Tomko, the Maritimes, Hawaii, Alabama and Portland... Hawaii was his favorite, for obvious reasons... Has reached a deal to tour Puerto Rico soon... Long range goal is to reach the WWF... "Everyone wants to get to the Fed."... Enjoys the "easy going" Maritime wrestling scene... "I'm working every night."... The shows, spaced so far apart on a map, take their toll... Wayne takes summer residence in New Brunswick, and lives near Seattle, WA... His favorite tag team partner is STEVE CASEY of Britain, who was on this year's Maritime tour... Toughest matches have come against HUSTER RIP ROGERS, CHAMPAGNE JERRY MORROW, TOKYO MASA CHONO and EDDIE WATTS... 'Buddy' Wayne Gillis has potential. If he gets the chance, he hopes to show his talent and take his small size to a big success...

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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Hulk Hogan
WWF Tag – Demolition
I-C – Ultimate Warrior
NWA – Ric Flair
NWA Tag – Fabulous Freebirds
NWA TV – The Great Muta
U.S. – Lex Luger
AWA – Larry Zbyszko
AWA Tag – Detruction Crew
AWA TV – Greg Gagne
USWA – Jerry Lawler
CWA – Title Held Up
CWA Tag – Rock'n'Roll Express
Texas – Eric Embry
North American – Larry Cameron
Int'l Tag – Samurai Warriors
Commonwealth – Great Gama

## EDITORIAL

For the month of OCTOBER 1989

**The Decline of Stampede**

It is difficult to describe the decline of your favorite show on television. My Mondays used to be scheduled around the showing of TSN Wrestling. Now, I have three hours of it unwatched on video.

One of the problems may be the pushing of Dr.Bee Gee JONATHON HOLLIDAY as a main eventer. Here is an excerpt from a letter that I received from Harry J Forest of Edmonton. "It is a waste of money to see Holliday in the wrestling ring with such greats as CHRIS BENOIT! Especially when it is advertised as a grudge match. All he can do is run."

The show is not exciting . There is no main event match to look forward to. They advertise a lumber-jack match with BRUCE HART vs GREAT GAMA, but then don't show the entire match.

And when do we get to see an OWEN HART match? He's the superstar, or at least we're told...

Let your opinion in this matter be known. Write to TSN 1155 Leslie St, Don Mills, Ontario, M3C 2J6.

For the good of pro wrestling, let's get Stampede back up to the standards it once had.

## THE GREAT MUTA

**NWA TELEVISION CHAMPION**

Kejio Muto may be suffering from a bit of mistaken identity. Over the past few years, he has gone under his real name, and as the White Ninja, Super Black Ninja, The Great Muto, Great Muta and more.

But make no mistake, Muta is a star.

His status as NWA Television Champion shows the confidence the company has in his future. He is main eventing major shows against STING and RIC FLAIR.

Muta is a star.

There is a downside to achieving stardom though. He has been spewing the 'mysterious mist', and that appears to be his main weapon. In the ring, his spectacular aerial moves have had to be held back to prevent injury. Muta is not allowed to create his own character while under the management of GARY HART.

But one day this will all be different.

The Great Muta will not be TV champion forever. Better things are waiting.

## DESTRUCTION CREW

**AWA TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS**

MEAN MIKE ENOS & WAYNE 'THE TRAIN' BLOOM have certainly made an impression on the world of wrestling. Relative rookies, they have capitalized on a good gimmick in a poor league to catapult themselves to the top. There was really no doubt as to who would win the vacant AWA tag titles. Destruction Crew was the only regular team in the tourney.

Destruction Crew, with their manager JOHNNY VALIANT, has a long title reign ahead of them. All they can do is keep improving. From all indications so far, that is what they intend on doing.

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## Rasslin' Results

**WWF TORONTO**
**SEPTEMBER 17, 1989**

Hulk Hogan pinned Randy Savage. After the match, Sherri & Savage beat on Hogan until Jimmy Snuka make the save... Brutus Beefcake beat Rick Martel by DQ... Jimmy Snuka beat Honky Tonk Man... The Widow Maker Barry Windham beat Mark Young... Genius Lanny Poffo beat Koko B Ware... Paul Roma beat Barry Horowitz...

## AMERICAN EXCESS

**NEW COMPETITION FOR WRESTLING**

By: Norm McEvoy  Want to see what influence the WWF has had on TV? Look no further than the two latest offerings on syndication, ROLLERGAMES and AMERICAN GLADIATORS. Both have lots of glitz and glamour, using pro wrestling tools like hammed up interviews, flashy costumes, gimmicks and funny names. But what are these new shows really?

Rollergames is really the old rollerderby with a couple of new gimmicks. It is a fringe sport pretending to be entertainment. Like wrestling, it has babyfaces, heels and controversy. There are rock acts during intermission, high production values and lots of laughs. The drawbacks? It gets tiresome real fast and some of the skaters are just there for looks ( sound familiar? ). On the whole, it is good fun and an enjoyable waste of time.

American Gladiators on the other hand is fringe entertainment pretending to be sport. It is really a game show, but they bill it as a sporting contest which pits contestants in athletic competition against the Gladiators. The chosen six bimbos ( male & female ), who look good but are really bad athletes are pitted against genuine athletes who are literally looking for blood. The producers need to chose 'contestants' a little more carefully. And Joe Thiesman, former great quarterback and host of the show, needs to get a real job.

So that's the wrap of the two new wrestling-inspired shows. If either last another year of syndication, it will be a miracle. But as for me, I'll stick to the NWA on Saturday Nights.

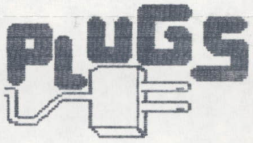
## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

OCTOBER 8  WWF TORONTO
DECEMBER 14  WWF HAMILTON

The WWF / Maple Leaf Wrestling has basically cancelled all plans to promote in small venues like London & Kitchener.

**CLASH OF THE CHAMPIONS VII**
**SEPTEMBER 12, 1989**
**COLUMBIA, S.C.**

Clash VII started off with the ROAD WARRIORS taking on the SAMOAN SWAT TEAM. It was a great brawl that ended when the Roadies hit SAMU with the phone. The SST left the ring without PAUL E DANGEROUSLY... The debut of the Z MAN was next. Why the dumb name for TOM ZENK? Everyone who watches wrestling knows who he is. Anyway, he beat the CUBAN ASSASSIN with a sleeper in an unimpressive match... The World According to THEODORE R LONG was a good segment that promoted upcoming arena shows with Long taking shots at the stars on those shows... SID VICIOUS beat RANGER ROSS with power moves that shook the building... A taped feature had MISSY HYATT and ROBIN GREEN go shopping... THE FABULOUS FREEBIRDS - HAYES & GARVIN, beat SCOTT & RICK STEINER when Scott tripped / was tripped... FLYIN BRIAN PILLMAN beat NORMAN the LUNATIC... STEVE WILLIAMS beat MIKE ROTUNDO... LEX LUGER beat TOMMY RICH... And in the main event, RIC FLAIR & STING beat GREAT MUTA & DICK SLATER by DQ when TERRY FUNK interfered, and put a plastic bag over Flair's head. The ending angle was in poor taste, with Flair 'almost dying.'... The entire show was very good, and gave a good preview to the HALLOWE'EN HAVOC: SETTLING THE SCORE PPV special scheduled for October 28 from Philadelphia...

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## NWA PRO WRESTLING

Following the successful Clash of the Champions: Fall Brawl will be the HALLOWE'EN HAVOC: Settling the Score, from Philadelphia on October 28th. The card has STING & RIC FLAIR vs TERRY FUNK & GREAT MUTA in a cage, LEX LUGER vs BRIAN PILLMAN, ROAD WARRIORS vs SKYSCRAPERS, FREEBIRDS vs MIDNIGHT EXPRESS & STEVE WILLIAMS, Z-MAN vs MIKE ROTUNDO, SCOTT & RICK STEINER vs BUTCH REED & RON SIMMONS, managed by KEVIN SULLIVAN and more... In other NWA news... PAUL E DANGEROUSLY was fired from the NWA... TERRY FUNK was suspended for using the plastic bag on Flair, but the fine was paid by Flair, enabling Funk to return to action... THE SAMOANS are on vacation, but will be returning with a third member, TONGA KID... JIM CORNETTE is now advising the DYNAMIC DUDES, so expect a Midnights vs Dudes feud down the road... ROBIN GREEN, Rick Steiner's 'girlfriend', has turned heel in an angle where two mystery men beat up Scott Steiner. She then announced her plans to manage will be managed under the name WOMAN. Her next team will be Kevin Sullivan, Ron Simmons & Butch Reed... EDDIE GILBERT is in the process of turning heel, with a few 'scientific' matches scheduled against Brian Pillman. MISSY HYATT may or may not follow... OLE ANDERSON will be the advisor to US Champion Lex Luger. Are the FOUR HORSEMAN far behind...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

The SURVIVOR SERIES are coming up fast, with the main event believed to be: HULK HOGAN, JAKE ROBERTS & DEMOLITION vs ZEUS, TED DIBIASE & POWERS OF PAIN... Other matches: RANDY SAVAGE's team vs JIM DUGGAN's team, ULTIMATE WARRIOR's team vs BOBBY HEENAN's team, and RODDY PIPER's team vs RICK RUDE's team... In other news... Randy Savage beat Hacksaw Duggan to become the MACHO KING of the WWF. SENSATIONAL SHERRI is the Queen... Demolition beat the BRAIN BUSTERS, TULLY BLANCHARD & ARN ANDERSON, for the WWF tag titles. Tully & Arn have given their notice, and their last WWF date will be the Survivors Series... THE ROUGEAUS have apparently given their notice also. It is unknown where they might surface... 'Latin Hearthrob' AL PEREZ will be starting up as a good guy... TUGBOAT THOMAS is the name they have given STEELMAN FRED OTTMAN from Florida... NIKOLAI VOLKOFF will be returning to reform the BOLSHEVIKS... Look for the Hulkster to face 'Mr Perfect' CURT HENNIG and BAD NEWS BROWN over the new few months... LANNY POFFO, 'the GENIUS', will be valet to Mr Perfect... SATURDAY NIGHT'S MAIN EVENT airs October 14th... BRUTUS BEEFCAKE is feuding with RICK MARTEL... Expect another Wrestling Album soon... Roddy Piper was out briefly with an injury... The WWF tours Europe this month...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

The new 60-minute version of Stampede on TSN has upset a few readers. The lack of main event action is one major problem. Another is the pushing of DR. BEE GEE HOLLIDAY as a main eventer. He just started a feud with BRUCE HART and had a feud with CHRIS BENOIT... North American champ LARRY CAMERON returned home to Minnesota for a while... DYNAMITE KID & JOHNNY SMITH finished the summer on the Grand Prix circuit... ANGEL OF DEATH has returned with Japanese manager K.Y.Wakamatsu. He is feuding with DAVEY BOY SMITH... The BLACKHEARTS, with manager HUGO HART, are a pretty impressive trio. Hugo was in the area before as manager RONALD A TRUMP... ED WHALEN's brief hospital stay brought radio announcer PETE MONTANA to the scene. I think he does a fine job on the show... It doesn't look like BULLDOG BOB BROWN will be back... KIM SCHAU finally won a match... Why don't they push STEVE GILLESPIE? He is an impressive newcomer... SKULL MASON on the other hand, is real bad in the ring. His push is only because of his size... BRET & MATT DERRINGER and TOM 'Beef' BURTON are listed as newcomers to the area...


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## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

Tomko has been running nothing but re-runs on the stations around here. Their promised changes have yet to happen. If you get Tomko on TV, and the shows are recent, then we would like to sign you up as our Tomko area reporter... Don't worry, you don't have to watch the show, just report...

## ANALYSIS: THE LOCAL WRESTLER

SOULMAN

# RICKY JOHNSON

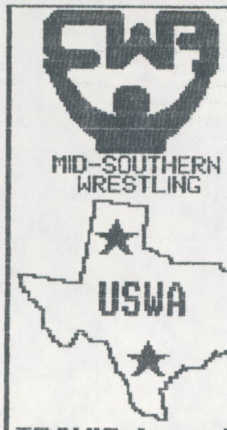
241 pounds  New York City

Has been wrestling now for nine years... His brother is ROCKY JOHNSON... It was Rocky who taught Ricky how to wrestle... Together they have held many tag team titles including the Polynesian titles... Hawaii is his favorite place to wrestle... Held the Hawaiian title... Ricky has also wrestled in Japan, Samoa, California, Puerto Rico and the Maritimes, as well as all across Ontario... Also had a two week stint in Calgary as opposition to Stampede... Around Ontario, Johnson has worked for GEORGE CANNON and DAVE MCKIGNEY... Was on McKigney's last tour of Newfoundland... His toughest matches came against THE SHIEK, "the old fossil", over three consecutive summers working for the Wildman... Has had memorable matches against RIC FLAIR in 1986 and against DICK MURDOCH & ADRIAN ADONIS in 1985... Ricky is very down-to-earth, and doesn't really like the spotlight... Lives by the saying "It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice."... Billed from New York City, but is a Torontonian... His role model growing up was BOBO BRAZIL... Favours the dropkick and the figure four leglock... "I like to wrestle, but I will fight."... Appears in a new TV commercial for Cadet Cleaners with JOHNNY k-9... Wrestles full-time... Ricky hopes to see more top talent develop from Ontario through independent promotions...

# NWA BUFFALO SEPTEMBER 30, 1989

What better way is there to spend a Saturday night than to take in the action at an NWA wrestling show? Well, seeing how it was Blue Jay time, some readers almost didn't make it to the show... It was the first NWA show in Buffalo since 1982... The crowd was about 7,000. This better than I expected, considering they did next to no advertising, and the WWF was in Niagara Falls the next night with HOGAN & JAKE ROBERTS vs TED DIBIASE & RANDY SAVAGE in a cage match... On with the results...

In the opener / sleeper, EDDIE GILBERT beat the CUBAN ASSASSIN. The Assassin had the line of the night outside the building. When asked for an autograph, he said "We can't sign, we're heels."... TOM ZENK, the Z-MAN beat NORMAN THE LUNATIC. Norman also had a great quote outside, but it is somewhat unprintable. It was a slow match, with Zenk using a flying bodypress for the win. Norman is over with the crowd as demonstrated by the many, many sets of keys being jangled. Zenk was subbing for no-show BRIAN PILLMAN... SID VICIOUS destroyed JOHNNY ACE, and then broke Ace's nose. It took too long... After intermission, MIKE ROTUNDO beat EDDIE GILBERT, who was subbing for no-show STEVE WILLIAMS... THE ROAD WARRIORS then won a surprisingly good match against the NEW ZEALAND MILITIA... Up next was battle for the NWA TV title, the GREAT MUTA vs STING. The crowd was hot for the great action. It ended when manager GART HART interfered, causing the disqualification... LEX LUGER beat TOMMY RICH is what was essentially a good match. The only problem is that nobody cares about Rich. Lex had his foot on the rope to score the pin... THE FABULOUS FREEBIRDS, GARVIN & HAYES beat the very popular MIDNIGHT EXPRESS in a dull match, with too many rest holds. JIM CORNETTE was good at ringside and hit Michael Hayes with the tennis racket... The main event had NWA World champion RIC FLAIR defending his title against TERRY FUNK, who was accomplianed by Gary Hart. What a match! Highlights included Flair spitting in Funk's face. Funk falling directly onto his head. Flair bleeding at the 11 minute mark. Funk piledriving Flair onto the concrete. Funk bleeding from his chest. At the end, Flair pinned Funk with an inside cradle. Damn good match... The NWA returns to Buffalo December 7th...




TEXAS DIRT (DUTCH MANTELL) beat BLACK BART for the CWA, lost it back to Bart and then regained the title. Dirt then left the area, because Mantell's suspension was up. The CWA title is therefore vacant... THE ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS beat WILDSIDE for the CWA tag team titles... BILL DUNDEE & DUSTIN RHODES are feuding with the BLACKBIRDS. Dundee will be CWF bound soon... JERRY LAWLER faced BUDDY LANDELL in a USWA title vs limo match. Lawler won, and got to use Landell's rented limo. Lawler also had to foot the bill... Lawler & KERRY VON ERICH faced off against SPIKE HUBER & Landell. Following their victory, Lawler & Kerry split up... JEFF JARRETT beat manager RONNIE GOSSETT in a match where the loser was powdered & diapered...

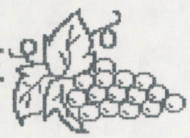
In the USWA, Lawler has beaten Texas champion ERIC EMBRY in numerous matches. The most recent was a lumberjack where BILLY TRAVIS turned heel on Embry... Kerry Von Erich had his hand broken by SCANDOR AKBAR & TARAS BULBA... CHRIS ADAMS & wife TONI are feuding with P.Y.CHU HI & TOJO YAMAMOTO... ROTTEN RON STARR & SHIEK BRADDOCK beat JEFF JARRETT & MATT BORNE for the USWA tag titles with the use of a chair... Eric Embry, Chris Adams & PERCY PRINGLE beat TojoYamamoto, P.Y. Chu Hi & GARY YOUNG in a scaffold match... What ever happened to the Lightweight title...

## AWA NEWS

THE DESTRUCTION CREW, MIKE ENOS & WAYNE BLOOM beat GREG GAGNE & PAUL DIAMOND in the finals of a tournament for the AWA tag titles... A newcomer is TC CARTER from the Central States area... COLONEL DEBEERS is back on ESPN, following his banning from the station. He had a good main event match against Paul Diamond a few weeks back... They finally have a World Title for Champion LARRY ZBYSZKO. In the past, Zbyszko had the AWA TV title as his World title... SCOTT NORTON is gone. Before he left, he beat Diamond & Gagne in arm wrestling showdowns. After he left, Zbyszko accepted the '$50,000' challenge.. NICK BOCKWINKEL makes a fine colour commentator... ERIC BISHOF is the new announcer...

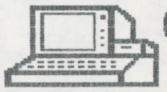
A lunch with SGT. SLAUGHTER was one of the prizes to be won at the 'A Time For Children' Show at the Automotive Building in Toronto from September 22-24th... KEN PATERA has started a wrestling hotline at 1-900-646-SLAM... The ICW and wrestler/manager K.J.TUBTOWN have started a "Just Say No" anti-drug fan club. For more information write K.J.TUBTOWN - ICW, P.O.Box 7324, ROCHELLE PARK, NJ 07662... Does anyone know the status of the TV show LEARNING THE ROPES. I believe that it has been cancelled... MAD Magazine, one of my favorite mags, has a spoof on NO HOLDS BARRED this month, cover-dated December 1989... TONY PARISI ran a show just outside of Toronto at a club on September 30th. JOHNNY k-9 faced JOEY WAR EAGLE in the main event. Also on the card were RICKY JOHNSON, MAD DOG REX, Parisi, BULLWHIP JOHNSON & the midgets... The CICW of Hamilton will not run another show until Christmas time... Look for Reese Peanut Butter Cup commercials featuring Johnny k-9 & BIG JOHN STUDD... Johnny k-9 is also one half of the UWA tag team champions as TARAS BULBA with KURT VON STEIGER. They are feuding with CHRIS CARTER & DON MURACO... NWA tickets for the December 7th return to Buffalo go on sale November 6th... Wrestlers who have appeared in the WFWA Winnipeg include THE FROG, TIM FLOWERS, LITTLE TOKYO, LITTLE COCO, DELTA DAWN, CHI CHI CRUZE, LEN ST CLAIR, MISS KITTY, RICHIE RICH, THE WARRIOR, BRAD YOUNG, RANDY RUDD, BUFFALO BILL CODY, THE FRENCH MAD DOG and more. Certainly a breeding ground for upcoming talent... RANDY SAVAGE was recently 'booted' out of the Cincinnati Reds' radio booth by Reds owner MARGE SCHOTT... Would that happen at the SkyDome?....

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...



Stampede is trying to set up a match between NWA champ RIC FLAIR and OWEN HART... Heard that the NWA has been looking at LARRY CAMERON... THE ROUGEAUS may try to start up a promotion in Quebec if they do infact leave the WWF... BRUNO SAMMARTINO may referee the main event of the upcoming NWA PayPerView...

Correction from last issue, in the tag match from Summer Slam, it was BRET HART that was pinned by ARN ANDERSON, not JIM NEIDHART.



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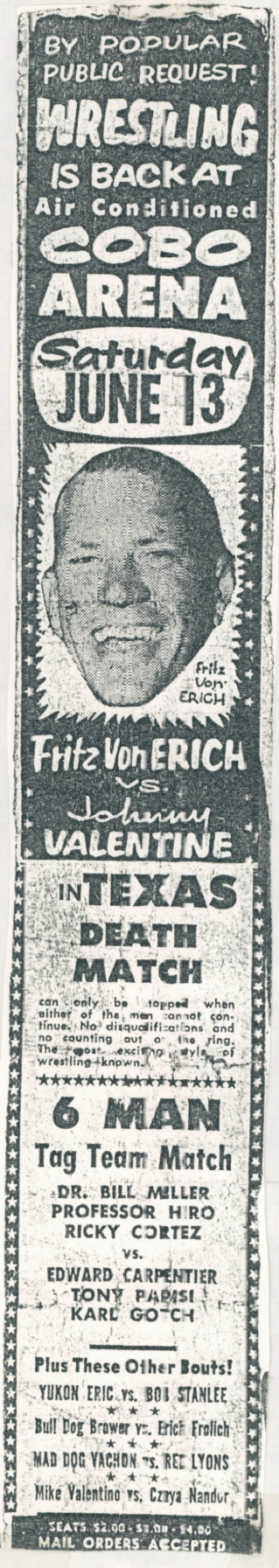
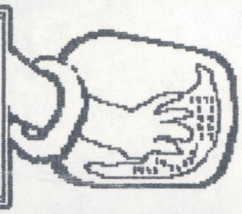



# A JAR FULL OF MEMORIES

With Terry Dart



This recounting of history comes from Detroit's Cobo Arena, June 13, 1963.

FRITZ VON ERICH continued his lengthy feud in Detroit with JOHNNY VALENTINE into a Texas Death Match. Valentine emerged the winner after 56 minutes and seven falls. Fritz won the first four falls with the Iron Claw, but Valentine, the heel, fought back with brainbusters to gain two falls. The last fall ended when Valentine dropkicked Von Erich. Fritz couldn't continue, and the match was given to Johnny Valentine.

In a six man tag match, DR BILL MILLER, RICKY CORTEZ & PROFESSOR HIRO won over EDOUARD CARPENTIER, TONY PARISI & KARL GOTCH in two out of three falls after 26 minutes.

YUKON ERIC used the Kodiak Krunch to subdue 6'9" BIG BOB STANLEE in only 6:10... BULLDOG BROWER kicked and stomped his way to a victory over acrobatic ERICH FROLICH after 14 minutes of wild action... MAD DOG VACHON and BILLY RED LYONS fought to a great 10 minute draw... BOB CZAYA NANDOR won the opener over rugged MIKE VALENTINO with the abdominal stretch...

NOTES: Attendance for this show was about 10,400. Cobo Arena sells out at about 12,000.... FRITZ VON ERICH was the hero on this show. He won the U.S. title in Detroit from LORD ATHOL LAYTON in 1962... JOHNNY VALENTINE was a hero or villain, depending on the territory. In Detroit, he beat the original SHIEK for the U.S. title in 1965... BIG BILL MILLER was one of wrestling's all time great villains. He often teamed with BIG ED and DAN MILLER... PROFESSOR HIRO was managed by the late FRED ATKINS and had a great feud with WHIPPER WATSON around Ontario in the 1960's... BIG BOB STANLEE was half of the MASKED YANKEES that held the International tag titles in Ontario. The other Yankee was BIG MOOSE EVANS... MIKE VALENTINO was better known as BARON MIKEL SCICLUNA... YUKON ERIC was one of the strongest wrestlers of the 50's & 60's. He committed suicide over personal problems... KARL GOTCH was my all time favorite scientific wrestler. His greatest match that I ever saw him in was against LOU THESZ in Detroit...

# Wrestling Burn-Out

by: Editor Greg Oliver

The Wrestling Report at this point in time lacks something. I don't know what. It just seems that I've been doing all of the work.

I am getting a serious case of Wrestling Burn-Out.

Don't worry, I don't forsee the end to TWR or anything. In fact, our subscriber numbers have jumped thanks to a great plug in Norm DaCosta's Wrestling column in the Toronto Star.

We just need a little more help. We need some columnists around here. All you ever get is my opinion. One man can only have so many, you know. Take a minute to jot down your opinion on anything - a show, angle or story. And send it to me! TWR can only thrive with your contributions.

We need ideas for stories and features. I'd like to do a bit of an overhaul. We've been set-up the same way for over a year.

Respond to what you read. Did you like the collage that we did in the August issue? We could do more. Can someone write up some trivia? Who would be a good choice as a local feature? Should I print clipping from shows? Tell me your opinion on things.

The Wrestling Report has achieved surprising success. We are respected in the wrestling world for longevity and our Canadiana. I really do enjoy putting it together and learning about wrestling. Now, don't you want to get in on that?

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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Hulk Hogan
WWF Tag – Demolition
I-C – Ultimate Warrior
NWA – Ric Flair
NWA Tag – Fabulous Freebirds
NWA TV – The Great Muta
U.S. – Lex Luger
AWA – Larry Zbyszko
AWA Tag – Detruction Crew
AWA TV – Greg Gagne
USWA – Jerry Lawler
CWA – Dirty White Boy
CWA Tag – Rock'n'Roll Express
Texas – Kerry Von Erich
North American – Larry Cameron
Int'l Tag – The Black Hearts
Commonwealth – Bruce Hart

## EDITORIAL

For the month of NOVEMBER 1989

### TAKIN' TO THE ROAD

Just how far are you willing to go to see wrestling? Are you willing to leave the city? The province? The country? On a vacation, do you try your best to find wrestling or do you schedule your trips around wrestling?

Around here, I've been quite fortunate. I've been to Memphis and Chicago for wrestling conventions. But that's about it for long distance trips. I recently got back from a school trip to New York City – we missed the Madison Square Garden WWF show by one day. My family and I had started plans to visit Atlanta for Starcade, but that has fallen apart. There are a few good friends around here who are willing to drive to wrestling shows in Detroit and Buffalo.

Sometimes I get jealous hearing about what some of the subscribers are doing. Some have gone to Wrestle Mania, others to Starcade, a few went to the recent Hallowe'en Havoc.

Then I begin to think. We do have a lot of shows around here. I could go to more, like the monthly show in Toronto, but by staying home and saving the cash, I appreciate the shows I do go to even more...

## BRUCE HART

**British Commonwealth Champion**

It has been quite a while since a Hart has held a title in the Stampede area, that is if you don't count the evil cousins, the Black Hearts. Owen Hart was the last champ. He held the North American title before he left to try his hand at being a Blue Chicken.

Back to Bruce. He beat the Great Gama on October 14th in Lethbridge, Alberta to win the title. It signifies a triumphant return for Bruce, after wrestling only occasionally over the past year due to injuries and other responsabilities. One of those responsabilities has been booking the Stampede show.

## DEMOLITION

**WWF TAG TEAM CHAMPS**

Thought that I would try and do it VINCE MCMAHON's way. Even though the title change happened October 2nd, and we reported it last issue, the title change did not OFFICIALLY take place until the match aired on television the weekend of November 4th. Reader Michael Murphy calculated that the Demolition had the chance to win the titles back over twenty times since the Oct 2nd match.

In case you didn't know, Demolition beat the BRAIN BUSTERS – TULLY BLANCHARD and ARN ANDERSON to become the first two-time tag champs since MIKE ROTUNDO and BARRY WINDHAM. The match was short and conclusively ended the championship stint of the Brain Busters in the WWF. The BBs will be moving on to the NWA after the Survivor Series.

Demolition will be facing the POWERS OF PAIN in the near future, and likely the soon-to-turn heel HART FOUNDATION too. It will likely be a long second reign.

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## Rasslin' Results

**WWF NIAGARA FALLS, NY**
**OCTOBER 1, 1989**

Hulk Hogan & Jake Roberts beat Ted DiBiase & Randy Savage in a cage match. The heels were great and Sherri was a sight to behold climbing up to the cage in her tight dress. Savage was bloodied and the end saw the heels left for dead... Rick Martel beat Tito Santana... Bad News Brown beat Hillbilly Jim... Bushwackers beat the Powers of Pain by DQ. No wrestling, lots of comedy and the crowd loved it. The Bushwackers are a hoot... Hercules beat Haku by countout... Tim Horner beat Jose Luis Rivera... Widow Maker beat Red Rooster. Terry Taylor's knee was heavily wrapped... by: Norm McEvoy

**WWF TORONTO OCTOBER 8, 1989**

Rick Rude beat Roddy Piper by DQ in Piper's return match to MLG. Lots of action and heat, especially after a Blue Jay put-down by Rude. Bobby Heenan was thrown out of ringside by the ref. Piper was at his sarcastic best, cutting up Rude. I can't describe what Piper did to Rude in this family publication, but let's say that the ladies had mixed emotions about it... Bushwackers beat Powers of Pain by DQ. No wrestling, but funny as hell... Randy Savage beat the increasingly demented Superfly Snuka with help from Sherri. Lots of heat, a ref bump, blood and a run-in by Hacksaw Duggan... Bobby Heenan did an excellent interview, mainly putting down the Blue Jays, who had lost that day... Greg Valentine beat Ronnie Garvin in a slapfest... Hacksaw Duggan beat Akeem... The Genius beat Hillbilly Jim... Paul Roma beat Boris Zukhov... Richard Charland beat Barry Horowitz in the "Let's stall to the main event match." Report by: Norm McEvoy.

**NIAGARA EXHIBITION WRESTLING**
**HAMILTON OCTOBER 28, 1989**

The results of the first three matches: In a midget boxing match, Farmer Pete KO'd Little John in about seven minutes. A typical midget bout with a good work rate... In a Junior Heavyweight match, it appeared that Donovan Jack O'Shea dropped the strap to Lil' Abner. The belt has been held up until the commissioner decides whether O'Shea was pinned illegally. Once again, there was a lot of good action... Adolf von Schmidt and Lil' Abner lost via DQ to Sledgehammer and Donovan Jack O'Shea.... The bouts were held in a gym above a tavern, 669 King St E Hamilton... Attendance was about 70 people... report by Dr Don Dawson...

**WWF MONTREAL OCTOBER 20, 1989**
**WWF WINNIPEG OCTOBER 21, 1989**
**WWF EDMONTON OCTOBER 22, 1989**

Successive Canadian shows saw: Ultimate Warrior beat Andre the Giant in a 20 seconds in Winnipeg and Edmonton. In Montreal, Warrior won by DQ... Hacksaw Duggan lost to Macho King Randy Savage by countout in Montreal, won by DQ in Winnipeg and was pinned in Edmonton.. Smash & Jim Neidhart beat the Brain Busters in 'non-title' matches.. Dino Bravo beat Bret Hart in Montreal using the tights, drew with Hart in Winnipeg and lost to Hart in Edmonton... Curt Hennig beat Superfly Snuka with the tights in Montreal and ropes in Winnipeg and Edmonton... Lanny Poffo beat Sam Houston three times... Tugboat Thomas beat Brooklyn Brawler in Montreal and Winnipeg... reports by: Francois Lalonde in Montreal, Beau Hajavitch in Winnipeg and Harry J Forest in Edmonton...

**WWF TORONTO OCTOBER 29, 1989**

Dino Bravo beat Bret Hart by countout when Hart was knocked off the ropes. He hit his chest on the steel fence and couldn't answer the count. Hart was strapped to a spinal board and taken to Toronto General Hospital. He is believed to have suffered broken ribs... Dusty Rhodes beat the Big Bossman when Slick hit BBM with the nightstick... Ultimate Warrior beat Andre the Giant by DQ. A ten minute slow motion show that ended when Andre pushed the ref... Nikolai Volkoff beat Jose Luis Rivera... Macho King Randy Savage beat Hacksaw Duggan. While ref Danny Davis was knocked out, Hacksaw was hit by the purse and Savage used the ropes for the pin... Hercules beat Akeem by countout... Demolition beat Brain Busters to retain their WWF tag titles. After the match, Arn & Tully shook hands with fans giving the Four Horsemen sign...
Report: Dan Cooperstock & Norm McEvoy

## Burn-Out Update

Thank you to everyone who rallied behind me suggesting ideas and cures. This page is the result. Never before have we have had so many results. I'll keep trying to fit in your articles. Don't be discouraged if they didn't make it this issue. Keep it up - I need ya'!

## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

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| November 11 | Niagara Exhibition Hamilton at 1:30 pm |
| November 18 | WWF KITCHENER |
| November 19 | WWF TORONTO |

## NWA PRO WRESTLING

HALLOWEEN HAVOC was held October 28 on PPV from Philadelphia. Results saw: RIC FLAIR & STING beat TERRY FUNK & GREAT MUTA in a Thunderdome cage match. GARY HART threw in the towel for his team when he was hit by OLE ANDERSON while Flair had Funk in a figure-four leglock. The referee was BRUNO SAMMARTINO... LEX LUGER beat BRIAN PILLMAN with a hot shot to keep the U.S. title... ROAD WARRIORS beat SKYSCRAPERS by DQ when DAN SPIVEY was caught with NORMAN THE LUNATIC's key... DOOM, a masked team of RON SIMMONS & BUTCH REED, beat SCOTT & RICK STEINER with the use of a loaded mask... FABULOUS FREEBIRDS beat the DYNAMIC DUDES when MICHAEL HAYES tripped SHANE and JIM GARVIN scored the pin... TOMMY RICH beat the CUBAN ASSASSIN with the Thesz Press... SAMOAN SWAT TEAM, including third member SAMOAN SAVAGE and new manager SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINK, beat the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS & STEVE WILLIAMS. STAN LANE was run into JIM CORNETTE's tennis racket to set up the pin... TOM ZENK beat MIKE ROTUNDO... Halloween Havoc was one pay-per-view too many - it is just too close to the December 13th Starrcade... Other news: A feud is starting between the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS and the DYNAMIC DUDES. Manager JIM CORNETTE will side with the Dudes... DICK SLATER was fired for not giving up Japan... OLE ANDERSON is a good guy manager of RIC FLAIR. He has also joined the booking committee... Speaking of booking, current booker Ric Flair has not been doing a good job. He has the DUSTY RHODES syndrome and has been pushing himself and his friends instead of other performers... Newcomers are MARK LAURINDAS (brother of ROAD WARRIOR ANIMAL), and the DRAGON MASTER who is advising GREAT MUTA... TERRY GORDY will not be returning... Next Clash of Champions, November 15th from Troy, New York...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

A newcomer is JOHN TENTA, the Canadian Sumo Wrestler, who is named EARTHQUAKE. He'll be managed by JIMMY HART... ANDRE THE GIANT & HAKU will challenge for DEMOLITION's tag titles... Referee JOEY MARELLA seriously injured in a car accident in New Jersey... DINO BRAVO has started a feud with ULTIMATE WARRIOR... COWBOY BOB ORTON is back with the WWF as is SAM HOUSTON... THE HART FOUNDATION will likely be turning heel, as they have matches scheduled against the ROCKERS... THE WIDOW MAKER BARRY WINDHAM has missed numerous bookings for no apparent reason... KOKO B WARE was fired and then re-hired while on tour in Europe... The upcoming Saturday's Night Main Event will feature a HULK HOGAN vs THE GENUIS LANNY POFFO main event. This will obviously set-up the Hogan vs MR PERFECT feud... The Royal Rumble on January 21st, 1990 will be held in Orlando, Florida... JIMMY SNUKA and BRUTUS BEEFCAKE are two names that will be likely turning heel... WWF held its fourth Annual King of the Ring tournament in Providence, RI. TITO SANTANA won the event by beating RICK MARTEL in the finals. The Widow Maker, who was favoured to win, no-showed...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING

LETHAL LARRY CAMERON's winning streak has come to an end. He lost a non-title Harlem Street Fight to DAVEY BOY SMITH... BRUCE HART beat GREAT GAMA to win the Commonwealth title. He also had his ribs injured by BRET & MATT DERRINGER... OWEN HART is back and will resume his feud with Larry Cameron... THE BLACK HEARTS, the International tag team champs, have been changing on a regular basis. Four different wrestlers have tried to fill the roles... THE ARC ANGEL (CURTIS THOMPSON) is headed to a feud with Larry Cameron. At the moment they are teaming, but a rivalry will develop... DEAN HART, another of the Hart brothers, was recently in action in Honolulu, Hawaii... ANGEL OF DEATH has a grudge match against a different wrestler each week. So far he has battled Davey Boy Smith, Bruce Hart and Owen Hart... BURTON THOMAS is the name they have given to TOM 'Beef' BURTON. He is currently the 'trouble-shooting' referee... STEVE GILLESPIE and KENNY JOHNSON have tons of potential...

## TOMKO ALL-STAR WRESTLING

AL TOMKO has given up control of the Vancouver promotion to ROCKY DELLA SERRA. The new group has no TV, which explains the old Tomko re-runs. Early accounts have the promotion running 2-3 times a week in Southern British Columbia. Some new ideas have brightened the outlook for this new group.
More details will certainly follow on this story...

MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

JERRY LAWLER has apparently dropped the USWA title to a newcomer called THE SOUL TAKER. The title change will likely only be recognized in Memphis... Lawler has defended the title against UNCLE ELMER, DUTCH MANTELL, BUDDY LANDELL, BAM BAM BIGELOW, and the DIRTY WHITE BOY... DWB won the CWA title in a tournament by beating DUSTIN RHODES in the finals... Manager HAROLD HARRIS is gone. He has been replaced by REGGIE B.FINE as manager of the BLACKBIRDS... SPIKE HUBER is now a good guy...

In the USWA, ERIC EMBRY was 'blinded' by SCANDOR AKBAR. He missed a week of action, and forfeited his Texas title to the PUNISHER... KERRY VON ERICH then beat Punisher for the Texas belt... JEFF JARRETT & MATT BORNE regained the USWA tag titles from RON STARR & COL.BRADDOCK, but then lost a loser-of-the-fall-leaves-town match. Matt Borne was pinned, so the status of the belts is unknown... Newcomers are the HEADHUNTERS... TERRY GORDY and BILL DUNDEE have returned... They are promoting a "WRESTLEWRECK", where the wrestlers will participate in a demolition derby before the matches... FRANK DUSEK is history...

KILLER TIM BROOKS is running competition to the USWA in a Dallas bar. He has JOHN TATUM, STEVE COX, BRIAN ADIAS, BOTSWANA BEAST and STEVE CASEY on his talent roster. The group only recently got television coverage...

## AWA NEWS

Scheduled for upcoming AWA shows are NIKITA KOLOFF, PAT TANAKA, DOUG SOMERS, THE NEW FANTASTICS and JERRY BLACKWELL... The team tapings have been going well... SHEIK ADNAN AL-KAISSIE is being accomplianed to the ring by belly dancers... GREG GAGNE was recently 'injured' by KOKINA MAXIMUS... SCOTT NORTON is also said to be returning, as are RICKY RICE and JOHN PAUL... If all of these names ever show up, then the AWA might almost be watchable...

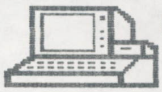
**trivia** Since you asked... Mail me the answer before Dec 1 and each person with the right answer will get one month added to their subscription.

Q: What former wrestler appears in David Lee Roth's video for "Just A Gigolo"?

If you're interested in learning about the pro wrestling scene in Mexico, then there is a new bulletin for you. VIVA LA LUCHA is a super piece of work that explains the Mexican wrestling to you. Send $3.00 U.S. to Kurt Brown, P.O.Box 9401, Brea, California 92622... The WFWA, which stands for West Four Wrestling Alliance, recently brought in PAUL DIAMOND for a show. They have also plugged JOHNNY SMITH and BULLDOG BOB BROWN as incoming... CUBAN ASSASSIN of Calgary fame is in Puerto Rico helping to book the matches. Expect Stampede stars to reguarily visit. LEO BURKE and JERRY MORROW are already there... PAUL ORNDORFF will be coming out of retirement this month to work a few independent shows... In the Continental area, DENNIS CONDREY is the CWF champ... TONY ATLAS is still the ICW champion as a heel managed by the DUKE... In the PWF, STEVE KEIRN is the Florida champion, RON SLINKER is the Carribean champ and JUMBO BARETTA & DENNIS KNIGHT are the tag champs. Also in the area are KENDALL WINDHAM, TYREE PRIDE, BIG AL GREEN, MIKE GRAHAM, LOU PEREZ and FRANKIE LANCASTER... ANTONIO INOKI, Japanese wrestling legend and now member of Parliment, was stabbed by a madman under his ear and down his throat while giving a speech. He is okay, but has been forced to cancel commitments over the next month... Playboy Magazine has 'The Women of Wrestling' this month...

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...

Heard that JERRY LAWLER may consider running for political office in Memphis... NORMAN THE LUNATIC may be WWF bound. The WWF has lacked a crazy guy since GEORGE 'The Animal' STEELE was grounded by a heart condition... STARRCADE '89 may be a 'Tournament of Champions' with four superstars, RIC FLAIR, STING, GREAT MUTA and LEX LUGER facing each other...



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ANALYSIS: THE LOCAL WRESTLER

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**240 pounds Detroit, MI**

**"I'm A Detroit Bad Boy."**

Chris is a 10 year veteran of the wrestling wars... Has wrestled mainly with the WWA out of Toledo, Ohio... Has also worked in Puerto Rico, Newfoundland, the WWF and NWA... Wrestles in Southern Ontario with GEORGE CANNON's Superstars of Wrestling and the CICW of Hamilton... "I like to come to Canada."... Has held the WWA tag team title five times with partners TOMMY RICH, JERRY GRAHAM, CALYPSO JIM, BULLDOG DON KENT and MOHAMMED SAAD... Is chasing the titles now with partner DON MURACO... His first title was the Americas Junior title in 1981 when he beat RICK BOLTON... Has been managed by DR JERRY GRAHAM JR in his heel days... Biggest match was in San Juan, Puerto Rico at the Roberto Clemente Stadium against the INVADERS, with BRUISER BRODY as his tag partner... Once beat LARRY ZBYSZKO... Toughest matches have come against Mohammed Saad... Role models growing up included PETE ROSE, AL KALINE, LORD ATHOL LAYTON and MARK LEWIN... "I loved baseball."... Chris is very proud of his Detroit origins... "I'm a Motor City Madman."...

JOHNNY K-9 & CHRIS CARTER

## Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

Aired October 14, 1989 From Cincinnatti, Ohio

The latest version of SNME was almost fun to watch. Sure the matches were predictable, but I did enjoy the show. It was obvious to everyone that the Survivor Series were the push of the evening.

The show began with flashbacks to RANDY SAVAGE's Coronation as the Macho King. He is certainly the best King yet in the WWF. He faced JIMMY SNUKA in the first match. Savage pinned the Superfly after hitting him with SENSATIONAL SHERRI's pocketbook...

TED DIBIASE had ZEUS in his corner when he took on HULK HOGAN in the Million Dollar Match. The match was more Zeus vs Hulk than DiBiase vs Hulk. Partway through, JAKE ROBERTS came to ringside to cheer on the Hulkster. VIRGIL then came out and stole DAMIEN. Roberts chased Virgil, while the Hulk got clotheslined over the top rope. A bit later, Hulk Hulked Out, Zeus came in, Hulk beat him up and pinned DiBiase. After the match, they tried to break Hulk's neck...

A RODDY PIPER / RICK RUDE feud recap was next, and then Piper vs HAKU. It was nice to see Piper again, even if he needs a haircut. Piper won with a suplex...

RICK MARTEL, 'The Model' took on TITO SANTANA. The match turned into a lumberjack match, with the Survivor Series teams at ringside. Eventually, everyone got involved, and the match ended a double-disqualification...

The final match of the night pitted the "Marching Moron" BUSHWACKERS vs the FABULOUS ROUGEAU BROTHERS. Early on, they had a battle over JIMMY HART, with the mouth having his pants removed again, this time revealing undies covered in blue fleur-de-lis. I bet he believes in the Meech Lake Accord! The Rougeaus hit each other by accident and were pinned.

SNME ended with the Hulkster crying about his neck and how he vows revenge at the Survivor Series. What else is new? The next SNME is November 25th...

## PLUGS

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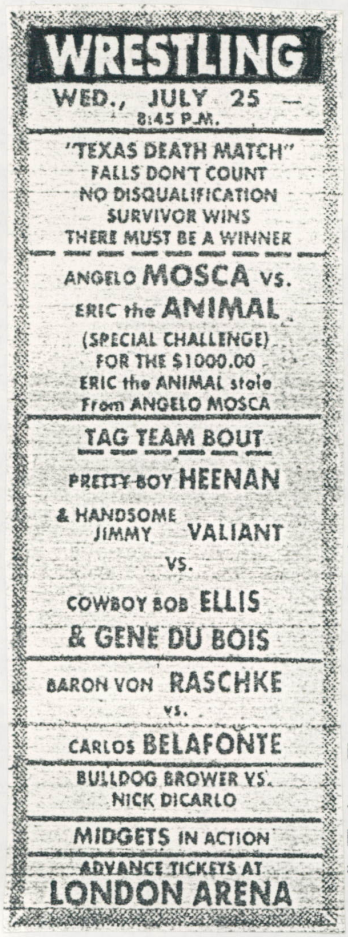


**BIG TIME WRESTLING**
**JULY 25, 1973 LONDON ARENA**

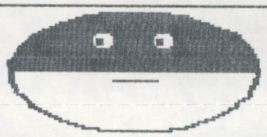
The main event was a Texas Death Match with ANGELO MOSCA ERIC THE ANIMAL. Eric beat up Mosca before the bell with his bone. After about 20 furious minutes, The Animal refused to re-enter the ring so Mosca chased him around the building. When he caught up to Eric, he bashed him into the ringpost, press table and the front row of seats. Eric then ran to the dressing room, never to return.

Up next was a battle of villains, with BULLDOG BROWER versus BARON VON RASCHKE. It was for Brower's Canadian title. Brower tried kneedrops and backbreakers while the Baron tried to use his hand claw. It ended after 30 minutes when both men were counted out, brawling outside the ring with chairs.

In a tag team match, THE WILDMAN & CARLOS BELAFONTE lost to Pretty Boy BOBBY HEENAN & Handsome JIMMY VALIANT. After the match, the Wildman went beserk, and using a pencil, turned the faces of Heenan & Valiant into bloody messes. Even referee WILF JENNING's could not escape the Wildman.

In other bouts... NICK DECARLO beat TERRY YORKSTON with a bodyslam... THE HAITI KID took two straight falls from FRENCHY LAMONT in a midget bout... THE WOLFMAN beat DRX with a foreign object.... Attendance 3,500 sold-out...

NOTES: ERIC THE ANIMAL was better known as ERIC THE RED. He was killed by a car in Florida... CARLOS BELAFONTE is better known today as CARLOS COLON... BARON VON RASCHKE about this time held the World tag belts with ERNIE 'Big Cat' LADD... BULLDOG BROWER was cheered this night... BOBBY HEENAN was a great wrestler who took great bumps and lost a lot of blood... TERRY YORKSTON was a villian who went on to referee...



## The Masked Critic

Pro wrestling has gone for a big dump recently. Can you believe that two rookies that only a few months ago were prelim bums, have won the AWA tag team titles? Are we to believe that "Mean Mike Anus" and Wayne "Fruit of the Loom" Bloom are championship material? Come on Verne – it's already bad enough having your son as TV Champ... I agree with our Editor Greg that Stampede has hit new lows with bums like the "Black Farts" winning the tag belts, Jonathon "Go For A" Holliday, Skull "DULL" Mason and manager "Hugo Tart". I'd be surprised if Tomko hadn't moved to Calgary... And what is Vince McMahon doing? He let the Ultimate Yoyo win back the title and then Demolition too. Can we have some new champs please? ... And now Randy "Savage" Poffo is "King Clown." If they need a "King Clown", they already had one – "The American Cream," "Busty" Rhodes... Zeus is a joke and so is the Huckster. The only thing the WWF has going for it is Roddy Piper... And who cares about the Survivor Series?... The only circuit that I enjoy is the NWA thanks to "Mr. Excitement" Terry Funk. They have an impressive line-up, except for Brian "Full of Himself" Pillman. Keep up the great wrestling and forget the staged videos of Scott Steiner being beaten up. The only thing beaten up in the limo was Scott's reputation for doing such a hoaky stunt. With the coming return of the Horsemen to the NWA, things can only get better...

It's been a real treat getting to see the NWA wrestling shows on CTV ( CFTO ) on late Saturday nights. I hadn't seen the NWA for quite a while, and they have lots of great action. I'm particularly enjoying the angle with Robin Green, a.k.a. Woman. The interviews with her and the way they have built the conflict with the Steiners shows a level of class way above that of the women in the WWF. For one thing, Woman can actually act somewhat, and the writing for her segments is not that bad. Contrast that with the white-bread, bland Miss Elizabeth or the ridiculous Sensational Sherri. They can't act, and are given worthless things to say.

Dan Cooperstock Toronto, Ontario

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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Hulk Hogan
WWF Tag – Demolition
I-C – Ultimate Warrior
NWA – Ric Flair
NWA Tag – Rick & Scott Steiner
NWA TV – The Great Muta
U.S. – Lex Luger
AWA – Larry Zbyszko
AWA Tag – Detruction Crew
AWA Ladies – Wendi Richter
USWA – Jerry Lawler
CWA – Dirty White Boy
CWA Tag – Rock'n'Roll Express
Texas – Kerry Von Erich
North American – Larry Cameron
Int'l Tag – The Black Hearts
Commonwealth – Bruce Hart

## EDITORIAL

For the month of DECEMBER 1989

**WRESTLING WITH THE '90's**

The world has its problems going into the next decade. I'm continually told at school that I'm a part of "The Next Generation" and that we will have to find solutions to the current problems like acid rain, pollution, the hole in the ozone layer, etc. The pressure on my social conscience caused me to think up some ideas for pro wrestling to reflect the changing world.

New wrestlers: THE TOXIC AVENGERS, a tag determined to rid the world of evil dudes like the MULTI MILLION DOLLAR JAPANESE MAN, who buys controlling interest in the wrestling league, and has little concern for the environment.

We may also see the MUTANT GIANT, any ugly monster who claims to be the result of nuclear disaster. The Giant could have a great feud against CHUCK the NUCLEAR PROMISE.

We could see the OZONE LAYER make a comeback to beat the mighty CFC.

THE RECYCLER could be the next WWF champ. He wears clothing made from recycled material. When he wins the belt, he will insist that a new belt be fabricated from used pop cans.

Who knows, it is pro wrestling.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## RICK & SCOTT STEINER

**NWA WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS**

The Steiner Brothers overcame the odds to defeat MICHAEL HAYES & JIMMY GARVIN, THE FREEBIRDS, for the NWA World tag team titles on Nov. 1st at Centre Stage in Atlanta. The title match aired Nov. 18th.

The Steiners have been rising stars ever since they came to the NWA. Rick arrived first, following the purchase of the UWF by the NWA. In the UWF, he was a part of EDDIE GILBERT's stable, and held the UWF tag belts with STING. He didn't have any success in the NWA until he joined up with KEVIN SULLIVAN in the VARSITY CLUB. After a falling out with Sullivan, Rick Steiner beat former partner MIKE ROTUNDO to win the NWA TV title.

When Scott arrived in the NWA, the brothers began teaming together. Scott had spent his previous years learning the business in Toledo under his real name SCOTT RECHSTEINER. He later achieved success in the CWA and now the NWA.

Both Steiner brothers went to Michigan for their schooling. They were very successful in wrestling and football.

At the moment, they are involved in a feud with WOMAN and DOOM. Now that they are tag champs, they will face the challenge of other teams like the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS, SKYSCRAPERS, FREEBIRDS, DYNAMIC DUDES and ROAD WARRIORS.

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# Rasslin' Results

## WEST FOUR WRESTLING ALLIANCE WINNIPEG NOVEMBER 13, 1989

The WFWA held its first major live show at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. A few hundred people were in attendance... In the main event, KEN PATERA beat PRINCE KAMALAMALA by DQ. Prince's manager, GENTLEMAN JIMMY JORDAN hit the referee with his cane. BOB & KERRY BROWN came out, and it was 5 on 1 until the faces made the save... Earlier, BOB & KERRY BROWN had beaten the UNTOUCHABLES, the FROG & CHI CHI CRUZE. Bulldog Brown played a super heel, spitting a children and swearing at the crowd... In other bouts... THE ANGEL & TANTALIZING TONYA beat MISS KITTY KARSON & SANDY PARTLOW in a ladies match... CHRIS MARKOFF (the forgettable former manager of BORIS ZUKHOV) beat BUFFALO BILL CODY with his feet on the ropes... THE FRENCH MAD DOG beat 'Hot Stuff' EDDIE WATTS... THE WHITE DRAGON drew with DON MCCULLOCH... And in the opener, MIKE LOZANSKI beat the GOLDEN SHIEK, who also manages in the area... The Winnipeg Sun did an article Nov 10th on Ken Patera. The Olympian did a good job shooting down the WWF and admitted to using steroids during his weightlifting days. He also claims to earn $200,000 a year... report by Beau Hajavitch...

## STAMPEDE WRESTLING EDMONTON

On November 18th, about 500 people visited the Agricom to see some 'rasslin. ROSS HART was the ring announcer... The main event saw LARRY CAMERON beat OWEN HART by DQ to keep the North American title. In a confusing set of circumstances, the ARC ANGEL interfered first, knocking out Hart and referee JIM BAKER. Angel left, and DJ PETERSON came out. He clobbered Cameron with a chain, and put Owen on top. The ref was then awakened, and counted Cameron down. Owen Hart was given the N.A. title. Then 'senior official' BURTON THOMAS came out and DQ'd Hart for DJ's interference. The belt went back to Cameron... THE YOUNGBLOODS, BIFF WELLINGTON & CHRIS BENOIT beat the BLACK HEARTS in a non-title tag team match... DJ PETERSON beat SKULL MASON with a figure four leglock... JOHNNY SMITH pinned SUMA HARA... ARC ANGEL beat VINNIE VALENTINO... And in the opener, GREAT GAMA, returning from a tour of Malaysia, Singapore and Borneo, beat DR ZHIVAGO with the cobra hold. After, he issued a challenge to Commonwealth champion BRUCE HART... Report by Harry J Forest...

## WWF KITCHENER NOVEMBER 18, 1989

Had a chance to take in the latest in WWF follies on a recent Saturday night. About 3000 other had nothing better to do... The main event, held fourth, saw HACKSAW DUGGAN beat MACHO KING RANDY SAVAGE by COR. Duggan's 2X4 caused the countout. It was a decent match, highlighted by SHERRI's sweeping crescent kick on Hacksaw outside the ring. Her shoe flew off and landed in the first row. She must have said thank you to the guy who returned her shoe at least eight times... In other matches... BUSHWACKERS beat the POWERS OF PAIN by DQ. MR FUJI lamely hit a 'wacker with his cane for the end...'Mr Perfect' CURT HENNIG beat JIMMY SNUKA with the perfectplex... EARTHQUAKE JOHN TENTA beat RICHARD CHARLAND. Big John was boring before, he's worse now... BRUTUS BEEFCAKE beat RICK MARTEL with a roll-up. It was over 5 min. before they locked up... THE GENIUS POFFO beat JIM POWERS with a small package... PAUL ROMA beat the BROOKLYN BRAWLER with a dropkick... They return January 28th...

## WWF TORONTO NOVEMBER 19, 1989

The Ultimate Warrior climbed out of the cage first to beat Andre the Giant. How did Andre get in the cage, let alone out?... Curt Hennig beat Jimmy Snuka... Rick Martel avenged his loss from the night before by pinning Beefcake... The Hart Foundation beat Arn Anderson & Haku. Brain Buster Tully Blanchard had been fired earlier in the month... The Brooklyn Brawler upset Al Perez. This may just tell us how far Perez will be going in the WWF... Earthquake squashed Richard Charland... Genius beat Jim Powers..

## NIAGARA EXHIBITION WRESTLING

The Balmoral Tavern was again the site for NEW wrestling on November 25th... The match between midgets FARMER PETE and LITTLE JOHN was declared a no contest... CANADIAN CRUSADER #1 beat the RAGING INFERNO... CANADIAN CRUSADERS #1 & #2 beat Ragin Inferno & 'LIL ABNER... MAD DOG JIM DiMARCHI pinned JONATHON JACK O'SHEA to win the NEW junior heavyweight title.. DR DON was the referee and reporter... DEWEY ROBERTSON was in attendance...

## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

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| DECEMBER 6 | AWA TORONTO |
| DECEMBER 14 | WWF HAMILTON |
| DECEMBER 26 | WWF TORONTO |

MID-SOUTHERN WRESTLING

JERRY LAWLER defeated SOUL TAKER on Nov.6 in Memphis to regain the USWA World title. Bigger news than that though is the recent change of attitude by Lawler in Memphis. Yes, the King is turning heel!... This is the strategy of new booker DUTCH MANTELL.... Lawler is beginning feuds with Mantell and BILL DUNDEE... New to the area are the N.Y.BRAWLER- LOU FABIANO doing a BROOKLYN BRAWLER act, and the VIOLATOR... ROBERT GIBSON & BUDDY LANDELL have quit...

In the USWA: TERRY GORDY has returned to challenge Lawler for the USWA title and team with JEFF JARRETT. He is feuding with ROTTEN RON STARR, who had claimed to be from Badstreet, USA... KEVIN VON ERICH has returned as a tag team partner to KERRY... DUSTIN RHODES and the DOG OF WAR are new to the area.... BILLY JOE TRAVIS makes a good heel, and recently bashed PERCY PRINGLE with a guitar.... JEFF GAYLORD, a former UWFer, is new to SCANDOR AKBAR's stable... BILL DUNDEE is the new booker in the area... They continue to run angles where CHRIS ADAMS' wife TONI is attacked by DEVASTATION INC... They stripped the tag team belts from MATT BORNE & Jeff Jarrett have been held up and a tournament will take place....

## AWA NEWS

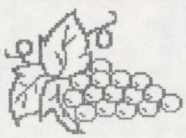
The AWA comes to Toronto on December 6th. The line-up has LARRY ZBYSZKO vs SGT SLAUGHTER for the title, WENDI RICHTER vs CANDI DEVINE, TOMMY JAMMER vs JONNIE STEWART, NICK DECARLO vs JASON STERLING, BULLWHIP JOHNSON vs RICKY JOHNSON, TNT vs INDESTRUCTIBLE MACHINE and JJ SHARP vs INHUMAN. Don't know who is promoting, but it may be ring announcer ANGELO MOSCA... DOUG SOMERS has returned under the management of JOHNNY U and will feud with Tommy Jammer... DESTRUCTION CREW has started a hot feud with the FANTASTIC FULTONS... JERRY BLACKWELL has returned, to resume an ancient feud with the SHIEK's Army... NIKITA KOLOFF debuted for the AWA and beat champ Zbyszko by DQ...

**trivia** Answer last month: Prof. Toru Tanaka No one answered correctly.
Question: Name the fast food chain owned by Maurice Vachon.
All correct answers received before Jan 1st will receive one month free to the WR.

STAMPEDE WRESTLING

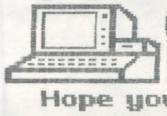
In happy news, they have again shown OWEN HART on TV. He has been facing LARRY CAMERON in a hot series of matches. Now if we could just see a little more of the intriguing DAVEY BOY SMITH vs JOHNNY SMITH match-ups... KONAN is a newcomer from Mexico.. MANDO GUERRERO is expected in soon... DJ PETERSON is new and immediately got involved in scuffles with champ Larry Cameron... THE YOUNGBLOODS - CHRIS BENOIT & BIFF WELLINGTON are hot on the trails of the tag champion BLACK HEARTS... Let me know your opinion of PISTOL PETE MONTANA. I think he's doing allright as an announcer... THE DERRINGER BROTHERS have left the area for personal reasons, but may return soon... Referee BURTON THOMAS is getting more and more involved in controversial decisions... ABDUL WIZAL has returned to managing. Will there be any competition with HUGH HART?... VINNIE VALENTINO is new to the area as a 'respectable' jobber... ARC ANGEL has been interfering in matches involving Larry Cameron and Owen Hart... THE DYNAMITE KID is expected back in February... Davey Boy Smith will be leaving shortly to compete in a Japanese tag team tournament with Dynamite Kid....

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...



TIM HORNER could be NWA bound, maybe to wear a mask as Captain USA....

It is just a matter of time until the site for WrestleMania 6 is announced. Toronto is still in the lead. Rumoured main events include HULK vs ZEUS or Hulk & ELIZABETH vs RANDY SAVAGE & SENSATIONAL SHERRI... The yet-to-be-anywhere-close-to-proven-rumour has ED WHALEN & JIM DAVIES buying the Stampede promotion from STU HART...



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Hope your Christmas is great, and you get a BUSHWACKER doll under the tree!

# WINNIPEG REMEMBERING...

with Beau Hajavitch

Wrestling has changed a lot in the past five years, especially in Winnipeg. Our city has gone from a monthly stop on the talented AWA circuit to just another semi-annual stop for the WWF.

I originally became interested in wrestling when I was 15 in 1977 through friends of mine. Every weekend from 1975 to 1986, CKNO would run the AWA show twice, once on Saturday night and again on Sunday afternoons. Each week we would gather and laugh hilariously at the outrageous interviews conducted by GENE OKERLUND and the notorious commentary by the hopelessly incompetent ROGER KENT.

The whole show was a soap opera. After a card at the Winnipeg Arena, you would watch the TV show and wrestlers would be livid or overjoyed as a result of what had happened Thursday in Winnipeg. They would demand a match with another wrestler, and Okerlund (and later KEN RESNICK) would say "We'll have to see if promoter AL TOMKO can put this together. I don't know!" As the weeks went by, the card would slowly come together. Wrestlers would be forced to wrestle other wrestlers, encouraging the likes of BOBBY HEENAN and NICK BOCKWINKEL to cry "I shouldn't be wrestling him! He doesn't deserve a match with me! It's a conspiracy by the AWA!" Why don't we hear that kind of talk today? We went to the live show after what we had seen on TV. The WWF just can't compare. Their live show means nohing as the whole promotion is centred around national television. Their interviews are boring - they aren't even interviews, really. It's just a tape of a wrestler talking about a match for every applicable city. I remember when JESSE VENTURA said "So, Mean Gene, how do you like these shades CHERYL LADD gave me?" Who cares about the ULTIMATE WARRIOR saying "I'm going to beat you 1-2-3."? I do notice that any WWF star who was in the AWA at that time (even HOGAN), still can deliver a zinger once in a while. As I review my scrapbook, I remember many things:

1) The CRUSHER vs Jesse Ventura. If Ventura won, Crusher had to wear his earing. If Crusher won, Ventura had to smoke one of Crusher's cigars. In the paper the next day there was Ventura puffing away...

2) A newcomer in 1977 named COWBOY BOB ORTON. He was a "nice man." He was shy and he stuttered. Then he joined The Heenan Family. His stuttering disappered and he became an arrogant SOB.

3) ANGELO MOSCA, when he was mad at someone, saying "You remember what I did to KENNY PLOEN!" - then the clip from the Winnipeg-Hamilton Grey Cup Game.

4) Jesse Ventura and ADRIAN ADONIS bragging about their potential battle royal victory party at the Polo Park Inn, at which MICK JAGGER, KEITH RICHARDS, ROGER DALTRY, etc.,etc., would be flying in for the festivites. They also said they would give the $10,000 prize to charity - the East-West Connection Recreational Fund!

5) Jesse Ventura originating Okerlund's nickname, Mean Gene.

6) LORD ALFRED HAYES originating Bobby Heenan's nickname 'The Weasel.' It started when the SUPER DESTROYER jumped from Hayes' stable of wrestlers to Heenan's. Lord Al began calling Heenan 'Weasel', and would bring china ornaments of weasels on interviews with him. Hayes even sang weasel songs on TV!

7) The Tuxedo Match between Lord Al Hayes and The Crusher on Feb 23, 1978. Hayes was a great heel manager at the time, and once threatened to go see Prime Minister PIERRE TRUDEAU over his feud with MAD DOG VACHON.

It all ended with our last AWA card January 16, 1986 which featured RIC FLAIR defending his NWA title against Nick Bockwinkel. CKND gave the AWA's TV time to the WWF, and it's been downhill ever since. The WWF has had its moments, but I didn't want the AWA to go away! The WWF is now no more than an entertainment outlet for little kids. And they keep heading in that direction. No underground humour, no spontaneity, no local flavour, nothing. What's the point? Thank God TSN still gives me the AWA!

Now Winnipeg has the WFWA (West Four Wrestling Alliance). It was started by ambitious local promoter TONY CONDELLO, who brought the AWA back for two shows and the NWA for one show in the winter of 1988-89. They have potential, but they need more imagination. So far their best wrestler is a pathetic (I mean that in the positive sense!) middle-aged black man in a grass skirt and war makeup, who calls himself KAMALA-MALA. No not KAMALA, Kamala-mala. I think that's worth a chuckle.

You may notice that I've hardly said anything about the actual wrestling. Well, who cares about the matches? We got into wrestling for the interviews! Could you blame us with the few classics I've described? The matches were okay though. EVERYTHING was okay in the mid-70's to mid-80's with Winnipeg and the AWA.

## NWA PRO WRESTLING

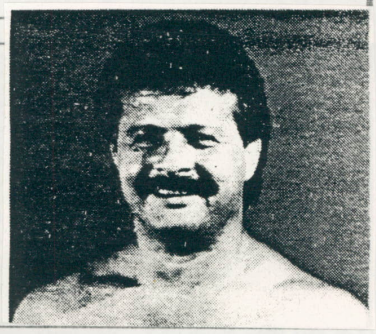
STARRCADE '89, set for December 13th from Atlanta, will be titled FUTURE SHOCK. The matches are set up in a round-robin tournament. In the singles matches, RIC FLAIR, STING, GREAT MUTA and LEX LUGER are involved, which each getting to wrestle the others. In tag team, the ROAD WARRIORS, STEINERS, SKYSCRAPERS and DOOM will be involved... Clash of the Champions IX set up Starrcade on November 15th from Troy, New York. Results saw: Ric Flair beat TERRY FUNK in an i-QUIT match. Funk acknowledged Flair as the better man, and has since retired, becoming colour commentator for World Wide Wrestling... Lex Luger beat BRIAN PILLMAN with a chair to retain his US title... Doom beat EDDIE GILBERT & TOMMY RICH... STEVE WILLIAMS beat SUPER DESTROYER (JACK VICTORY) and NORMAN came out to help Dr Death celebrate... MIDNIGHT EXPRESS beat the DYNAMIC DUDES when JIM CORNETTE hit SHANE DOUGLAS with the tennis racket. The Express with Cornette are now heels... FREEBIRDS beat Road Warriors by DQ when the referee was hit... Steiners beat the Skyscrapers by DQ when Doom & NITRON ran in, followed by the Road Warriors... BILL APTER of Pro Wrestling Illustrated named Ric Flair NWA Wrestler of the Decade and Sting Most Popular. Lex Luger later destroyed the trophies... In other NWA news... Nitron is the new bodyguard to WOMAN. He is a legit 7'1" tall... BUZZ SAWYER is the replacement to Terry Funk in GARY HART's stable... DRAGON MASTER (KENDO NAGASAKI) has also begun wrestling for Hart... ARN ANDERSON will begin in late December and likely team with OLE ANDERSON. It is unlikely that TULLY BLANCHARD will be in, due to contract disputes... Brian Pillman and Z-MAN TOM ZENK have formed a team... Midget LORD LITTLEBROOK is managing the NEW ZEALAND MILITIA... The NWA has signed JORJE GONZALES, a former prospect for the Atlanta Hawks basketball team. He is 7'6" and is training in Florida...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

SURVIVOR SERIES III was held on November 23rd from Chicago. Results saw: HULK HOGAN survived for his team. Order of elimination: ZEUS by DQ; DEMOLITION AX; DEMOLITON SMASH; POWERS OF PAIN by DDQ for stuff piledriving Hogan; JAKE ROBERTS; and last, TED DIBIASE... DUSTY RHODES & BRUTUS BEEFCAKE survived for the Dream Team against the Enforcers. Order of elimination: TITO SANTANA; BAD NEWS BROWN walked away following a mess-up with BIG BOSSMAN; HONKYTONK MAN; RICK MARTEL; RED ROOSTER; Big Bossman... DINO BRAVO, CANADIAN EARTHQUAKE and RANDY SAVAGE survived for King's Court against the 4X4s. Order of Elimination: HERCULES; GREG VALENTINE; RONNIE GARVIN; BRET HART; and last HACKSAW DUGGAN... MR PERFECT CURT HENNIG survived for Rude's Brood against Roddy's Roudies. Order of Elimination: JACQUES ROUGEAU; RAYMOND ROUGEAU; BUTCH MILLER; LUKE WILLIAMS; RICK RUDE & RODDY PIPER by double countout and last SUPERFLY SNUKA... And in the last match of the evening, the ULTIMATE WARRIOR survived against the Heenan Family. Order of elimination: ANDRE THE GIANT by countout; JIM NEIDHART; MARTY JANNETTY; HAKU; SEAN MICHAELS; ARN ANDERSON and last BOBBY HEENAN... They ran one angle where SENSATIONAL SHERRI threw powder in Hogan & Beefcake's eyes, followed by Zeus & Savage roughing them up to set up NO HOLDS BARRED PPV December 27th... No-shows for the Survivors include WIDOW MAKER, AKEEM and TULLY BLANCHARD... Saturday Night's Main Event was on Nov.25th. Action saw: Hulk Hogan lose by countout to the GENIUS when he was hit by Mr Perfect... Ultimate Warrior beat Andre the Giant by DQ... Dusty Rhodes beat Big Bossman... Curt Hennig beat Red Rooster... Rockers beat Brain Busters in 2-of-3-falls... In other news: The Hennig / Hogan feud has started, after Perfect destroyed the belt... BOBBY JAGGERS was a jobber on the recent tapes... JESSE VENTURA will have a new movie out this summer called ABRAXAS...

## WEST FOUR WRESTLING ALLIANCE

The Winnipeg area appears headed towards a small-scale promotional war. The WFWA, led by promoter TONY the Torpedo CONDELLO (right) recently let colour commentator DAVE DAVIS go for a rude comment. Davis has since joined up with promoter MARTY PRICE to form the Can-Am Wrestling Alliance. They promise TV to compete with WFWA and will use many of the same stars.
The Winnipeg, Manitoba wrestling scene is making news!



# THE TOP CANADIAN WRESTLERS OF THE DECADE

by: Greg Oliver

The 1980's have been good to wrestling. The WWF has increased popularity, but almost killed off the local promotion. Canada went through some changes too. We lost the Montreal promotion, the Wildman died tragically and Stampede was sold then reclaimed by Stu Hart. But some Canadian wrestlers made their mark on the decade:

RICK MARTEL – seeing Rick parade around the stage now, it is hard to believe that he was loved and respected as the AWA World Champion in 1984-85...

ANGELO MOSCA – the former star of the Canadian Football League left his mark on wrestling in the early 80's. He even tried promoting in the middle 80's...

DEWEY ROBERTSON – in the early 80's, Robertson was well respected as the Canadian champion. Later he found a gimmick as the Missing Link...

LEO BURKE – over the decade, Burke was one the solidest performers anywhere in the country. He continues today to travel and perform the art of wrestling...

BRET HART – he started as a young, skinny kid in Stampede and moved into the big leagues, winning the WWF tag team titles with brother-in-law Jim Neidhart....

DINO BRAVO – he was the French-Canadian hero of the decade, an impressive powerhouse who once had a reputation as a good wrestler. Today well...

OWEN HART – in the few years that he's been wrestling, Owen has shown that he not only belongs in the best of Canadians, but the best in the world...

JACQUES & RAYMOND ROUGEAU – though now they may be 'All-American Boys', they were the darlings of Quebec for most of the decade...

A few Canadian wrestlers deserve special mention for continuing into the 1980's, even though their heyday was the decade before:

IVAN KOLOFF – the French-Canadian Russian won the WWWF World Title in 1971, but continued into the 80's. He even won the NWA World tag titles with 'cousin' Nikita...

MAD DOG VACHON – with his unfortunate accident in Iowa, the people of Canada showed their love for the man who fought so hard for so many years...

ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER – the madman from Windsor, Ontario continues to terrorize!

GENE KINISKI – the former AWA & NWA World champion challenged for the Canadian title in the early 80's. He kept on long enough to wrestle with sons KELLY & NICK...

And don't forget ARCHIE STOMPER GOLDIE, TIGER JEET SINGH and JOS LEDUC...

The 1990's will see new Canadian stars develop, like CHRIS BENOIT, BIFF WELLINGTON and JOHN TENTA. The same promoters will not start the 90's that did the 80's. We miss FRANK TUNNEY and WILDMAN DAVE MCKIGNEY. AL TOMKO and SANDOR KOVACS have stepped aside to the new breed of Winnipeg's TONY CONDELLO and the Maritime's EMILE DUPREE. Let's hope that the 1990's will be good to wrestling.

New Japan Pro Wrestling will have a big show Feb 10. with RIC FLAIR vs GREAT MUTA for the NWA belt, LARRY ZBYSZKO defending the AWA title and BIG VAN VADER defending his European title. ANTONIO INOKI will also return to the ring for that one. Apparently HULK HOGAN was offered $200,000 to wrestle... GARY ALBRIGHT is wrestling in Puerto Rico... PAUL E DANGEROUSLY worked briefly for the ICW... BILLY JACK HAYNES is wrestling for the Florida promotion once again. He is feuding with the TERMINATOR... LOU PEREZ & MARK STARR beat the DISCIPLES – DENNIS KNIGHT & JUMBO BARRETTA to win the Florida tag titles... JONATHON HOLLIDAY is now in Portland and is feuding with BEETLEJUICE (ART BARR)... SURVIVOR SERIES will be out on video tape December 15th...

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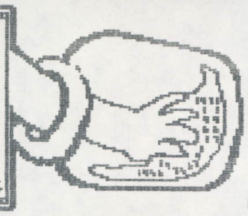
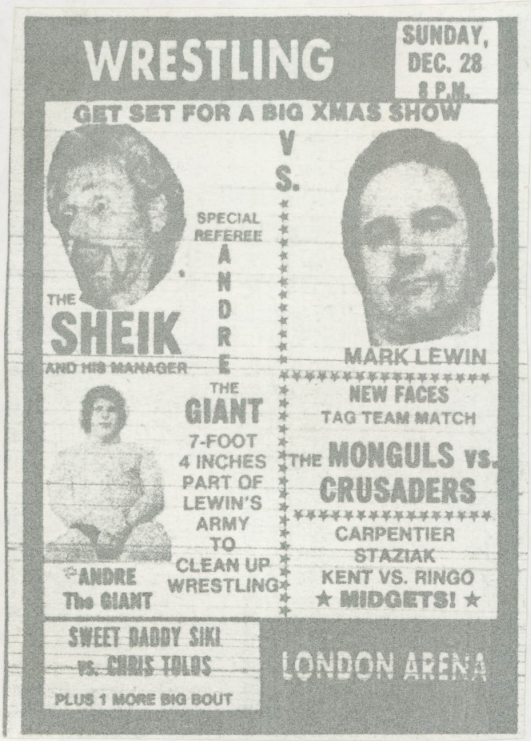
With Terry Dart



LONDON ARENA DECEMBER 28, 1975

In the main event, THE SHIEK was pitted against MARK LEWIN with ANDRE THE GIANT as special ref. The bell had not even sounded when Lewin attacked and bloodied the villanous Shiek. The insane Arab finally came to life and began biting Lewin. Even Andre the Giant had a hard time controlled these two! The match was even, with both wrestler's using their finishing holds without success — Shiek the Camel Clutch and Lewin the sleeper. After 26 min, the Shiek threw a fireball at the Giant. Second referee WILF JENNINGS came in and DQ'd the Shiek. It didn't end there, as GEORGE 'the Animal' STEELE came in and with the Shiek and rendered Lewin unconcious. An angry mob of 2,600 chased the heels off...




In the semi-main event, THE CRUSADERS — BILLY RED LYONS & DEWEY ROBERTSON, fought to a pier six 30-minute draw with BEPPO & GEETO, THE MONGOLS... In a big upset, EDOUARD CARPENTIER used 3 flips onto STAN STASIAK's chest to win... In a midget match, LITTLE TOYKO beat COWBOY LANG with a judo chop and body press... SWEET DADDY SIKI & CHRIS TOLOS kept the crowd on the edge of their seats, wrestling to a 20 minute draw... GEORGE STEELE filled in for DON BULLDOG KENT and destroyed the inept RINGO with a flying hammerlock in just three minutes... And the opener, WILDMAN GENE DUBOIS beat TERRY YORKSTON...

NOTES: This Christmas special drew a great holiday crowd of 2,600, including this writer...

MARK LEWIN was a goodguy in London this night. He once had a stint with KEVIN SULLIVAN as THE PURPLE HAZE... THE SHIEK was a real terror in Ontario rings with his vile tactics. During this time period, he had an unbeaten streak going in Detroit and Toronto. His real name was ED FARHAT... ANDRE THE GIANT was a good wrestler and was always a fan favorite. It is really sad to see the current physical wreck in the WWF... BEPPO MONGOL is better known today as NIKOLAI VOLKOFF... GEETO MONGOL once wrestled as 'The Skunkman' TONY NEWBERRY, complete with a pet skunk!... DEWEY ROBERTSON wrestled under a mask as the CRUSADER and had an unbeaten streak in Toronto until the Shiek pinned and unmasked him. Robertson later wrestled as the MISSING LINK... BILLY RED LYONS teamed with Robertson under white masks. They worked well together and held the International tag team titles on numerous occassions. They often feuded with PAT & MIKE KELLY and HARTFORD & REGINALD LOVE... EDOUARD CARPENTIER was an amazing physical specimen and gymnast. He had feuds with 'Nature Boy' BUDDY ROGERS, KILLER KOWALSKI and BULLDOG BROWER... STAN STASIAK was a real rough neck from Quebec. In the 60's, he had a great feud with WHIPPER BILLY WATSON. His favorite holds were the atomic drop and heart punch... RINGO was in reality the Shiek's son and later went on to wrestle in Michigan as CAPTAIN ED GEORGE. Fans can see the Captain on the tape "I Like To Hurt People."... CHRIS TOLOS, better known as the GOLDEN GREEK, often teamed with his brother JOHN TOLOS as the CANADIAN WRECKING CREW from Hamilton...

Merry Christmas to the readers! Take Care. Yours in wrestling, Terry Dart.

## <<LETTERS>>

One thing has bothered me for a while. Vince McMahon and the WWF have no sense of history. Aside from using Gorilla Monsoon and Jesse Ventura on their broadcasts, they almost never mention former wrestlers. When was the last time Bruno Sammartino or Bob Backlund was referred to on a program? These two men were the greatest wrestlers ever in the WWF, yet it is as if they never existed. Nevermind that the screaming "little Hulkamaniacs" weren't even born when those men held the belt, the fact is, if you're not in the WWF today, you're nothing. No one can knock their success, but I suggest that they remember the people who helped put them there. Dileno Bertossi Downsview, ONT

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WWF – Hulk Hogan
WWF Tag – Haku & Andre the Giant
I-C – Ultimate Warrior
NWA – Ric Flair
NWA Tag – Scott & Rick Steiner
NWA TV – The Great Muta
U.S. – Lex Luger
AWA – Larry Zbyszko
AWA Tag – Detruction Crew
AWA Ladies – Candi Devine
USWA – Jerry Lawler
USWA Tag – Robert Fuller & Brian Lee
CWA – Bill Dundee
Texas – Jerry Lawler
North American – Larry Cameron
Int'l Tag – The Black Hearts
Commonwealth – Bruce Hart

## EDITORIAL

For the month of JANUARY 1990

**SOME BOLD PREDICTIONS**

During my two week Christmas break from school, I looked deep into the crystal ball to see the foggy future. Here are a few predictions for the upcoming years.

HULK HOGAN will retire by 1993 to pursue a movie career. The WWF will no longer have a major drawing card and will begin to suffer. By the end of the decade, VINCE MCMAHON will opt out of wrestling in favour of politics, ending the WWF... ULTIMATE WARRIOR will become WWF Champion... RIC FLAIR will retire by 1995 to become a manager... CHRIS BENOIT, KENDALL WINDHAM and BRIAN PILLMAN will be main event stars... Pay Per View TV will be the bread and butter for the NWA and WWF. Each show brings in more money than they can touring... Smaller promotions will bring the live action to arenas... There will be fewer gimmicks to get wrestlers over – instead promoters will concentrate on wrestling talent... A major WWF star will die from steroid abuse, prompting an inquest and review of wrestling ethics... NBC will take a few more specials from the WWF, as they no longer have major league baseball...

## ANDRE THE GIANT & HAKU

**New WWF Tag Team Champions**

BOBBY HEENAN's Colossal Connection may be the strangest team to win the tag team titles in recent memory. In the past, it has been dedicated tag teamers like the SAMOANS, SHIEK & VOLKOFF and BRITISH BULLDOGS that have held the titles. The last team in the WWF that you could compare Haku & Andre to would be TONY GAREA & the late HAYSTACKS CALHOUN, who beat TORU TANAKA & MR FUJI for the titles in 1973. Garea was your typical tag wrestler, Haystacks was the bulk and power of the team. The same can be said for Haku & Andre, though Haku is a fine singles wrestler when he wants to be.

Looking deeper into the reason behind the title change brings up many questions. Why would these two be given the titles? Possibly to make the BRAIN BUSTERS look bad, showing that it was Heenan that led them to the top. Why were DEMOLITION demolished so bad? Possibly to set up a feud between SMASH & AX, as shown at the end of the match when Smash looked disgusted at Ax. What about Andre? This may be his swan song, having him hold a WWF title 'officially' before retiring. He sort of beat HULK HOGAN for the World title in 1987 in the legendary twin referee scandal. Who will beat them? Whoever does, it will Haku that will be pinned. Why is Haku colossal? Good question.

The Colossal Connection are a miserable team holding a respected title. It is sad to see the titles given to them over talented teams like the HART FOUNDATION and ROCKERS. What next? The BUSHWACKERS as tag champs? DUSTY RHODES & AKEEM?

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# Rassl'in' Results

## NWA BUFFALO DECEMBER 7, 1989

Not as good as the last NWA card. Small crowd, no advertising, but worthwhile coming out to... RIC FLAIR beat the GREAT MUTA by DQ in a disappointing match considering who was involved. Gary Hart interfered to end it... RICK & SCOTT STEINER beat DOOM to retain the NWA tag titles. NITRON, WOMAN's giant bodyguard got involved, jumping Rick near the end, but hitting a Doom instead. Woman chewed him out afterward. A good rough match... LEX LUGER beat ZMAN TOM ZENK. The best part was the local fans throwing taunts of LARRY at Lex, as he is from the area... THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS beat the DYNAMIC DUDES with help from JIM CORNETTE, who was in top form. The M.E. did everything heel-like imaginable and still were cheered. They played good comedy and teased a break-up... ROAD WARRIOR ANIMAL beat DAN SPIVEY by DQ and afterwards with PAUL ELLERING attacked TEDDY LONG... FLYIN BRIAN & Z-MAN beat the FREEBIRDS. They all looked like they had something better to do... MIKE ROTUNDO pinned NORMAN THE LUNATIC using the ropes... THE WILD SAMOANS beat TOMMY RICH & EDDIE GILBERT in a fairly wild match... KEVIN SULLIVAN squashed BRAD ANDERSON...

## WWF HAMILTON DECEMBER 14, 1989

This show got a nice write-up in the Hamilton Spectator, with the HULKSTER on the front cover of the paper and the sports section... MR PERFECT CURT HENNIG beat HULK HOGAN by countout. Curt was perfect, of course, in carrying the big guy, taking some terrific bumps and being a classic heel. End saw Hulk chasing LANNY POFFO and getting run into the ringpost by Hennig. Hulk did manage to run them off and pose down. ( *** )... BAD NEWS BROWN pinned PAUL ROMA in a above average squash match ( 1/2* )... BRUTUS BEEFCAKE beat RICK MARTEL. Rick tried, but Bruti... ( DUD )... JAKE ROBERTS beat TED DIBIASE by DQ. Ted carried the action, but Jake was good too. End saw VIRGIL DDT'd and snaked while Ted left. ( *** )... ROCKERS & HART FOUNDATION went to a time limit draw in a great scrap. The crowd was behind the Harts. The end saw an out of control brawl and wrestlers coming out to break it up. It looked like there was genuine heat. ( **** )... DINO 'Resthold King' BRAVO pinned TITO SANTANA clean. ( * )... THE GENUIS used his dreaded Super Skip to beat MARK YOUNG ( * )...

Above reports by Norm McEvoy.

## AWA TORONTO DECEMBER 6, 1989

This is a pieced-together report from many sources. It seems that most people fell asleep for half the matches. And it is somewhat tough getting a report when maybe 200 people show up in a 10,000 seat building, Coliseum Arena, Exhitbition Place. The promoters were RINGSIDE PROMOTIONS, whoever that is. Don't expect them back...

Main event saw SGT SLAUGHTER beat AWA Champ LARRY ZBYSZKO by DQ. Originally the Sarge was DQ'd, but ring announcer ANGELO MOSCA pointed out Zbzysko's foreign object and the decision was reversed... CANDI DEVINE became AWA Ladies champ only five days earlier when WENDI RICHTER quit. Devine beat JUDY MARTIN to retain the title... DEWEY ROBERTSON wrestled as JJ SHARP from Harry's Bar, NY and beat THE INHUMAN... BULLWHIP JOHNSON & RICKY JOHNSON had another fine battle... ILLUSTRIOUS JONNIE STEWART fought TOMMY JAMMER... TURBO NED TYSON battled the INDESTRUCTIBLE MACHINE... And NICK DECARLO took on JASON STERLING... Sorry the lack of complete results, Kevin's video camera refused to tape most of the show...

## WWF TORONTO DECEMBER 26, 1989

A good crowd of 8,000 was on hand for a Boxing Day matinee... ULTIMATE WARRIOR pinned DINO BRAVO with a flying shoulderblock. He battled EARTH-QUAKE afterward ( ** )... In a two ref bout, HACKSAW DUGGAN beat RANDY SAVAGE by countout. This was fun with SHERRI fighting the refs. ELIZABETH came out, took the loaded purse from Sherri and threw it to Duggan. Merry Christmas honey. ( *** )... BROTHER LOVE chatted with Sherri & Liz... ROCKERS beat POWERS OF PAIN by DQ when POP threw the ref. Duggan made the save, as Jannetty was stretchered out ( **1/2 )... RON GARVIN beat GREG VALENTINE in a slow-mo slapfest ( * )... Earthquake Tenta beat MARK YOUNG in under one minute... HONKYTONK MAN beat RED ROOSTER ( DUD )... JIM NEIDHART beat BROOKLYN BRAWLER ( * )...

## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

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| January 5 | WWF CORNWALL | |
| January 8 | WWF BRANTFORD | |
| January 25 | WWF Kingston | |
| January 26 | WWF Oshawa | |
| January 27 | WWF London | |
| January 28 | WWF Kitchener | 1pm |
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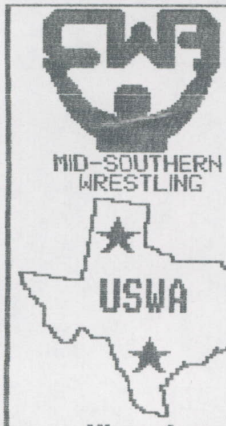
| February 4 | WWF Guelph | 8pm |



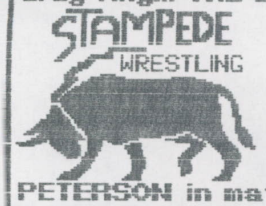

The CWA region is in jeopardy. The heel turn of JERRY LAWLER has not brought in the fans like they had hoped... USWA champ Lawler has defended against KAMALA, MANNY FERNANDEZ, JUNKYARD DOG, TRACY SMOTHERS, MASTER OF PAIN and BLACKJACK... BILL DUNDEE beat DIRTY WHITE BOY to become CWA champ... MILLION DOLLAR BABIES is the name of a new team made up of MIKE SAMPSON and G.Q.STRATUS. They are feuding with TODD & RICKY MORTON... There is a managers feud with NATE THE RAT vs BOSS WINTERS... KEVIN DILLINGER was the subject of a recent tar & feathering. He has since left the area... On the USWA side, ROBERT FULLER & BRIAN LEE beat JEFF JARRETT & MATT BORNE for the tag titles... KERRY VON ERICH lost the Texas title to Jerry Lawler in a title vs title match-up... CHRIS ADAMS is feuding with ERIC EMBRY though neither has turned heel yet... TERRY GARVIN, of BEAUTY & the BEAST wrestling fame, has been getting in trouble doing colour commentary... THE MEDICINE MAN is new to the area. He is CHRIS YOUNGBLOOD... CHICO TORRES is a newcomer that SCANDOR AKBAR has been trying to sign up...

## AWA NEWS

The AWA television contract has been renewed by ESPN for another six months. This despite the fact that the AWA runs virtually no other shows but the TV taping... The AWA in Toronto failed miserably.. NORD THE BARBARIAN returned to the area as BIG YUKON NORD... THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER has really been unknown. In some matches he has been RICKY RICE, but against champ LARRY ZBYSZKO, he was unmasked as MR.SAITO... PAUL DIAMOND & THE TROOPER have formed a tag team... BRUTE FORCE - DAVE CASPER & Ricky Rice have challenged tag champs DESTRUCTION CREW... WENDI RICHTER quit the promotion in early December and the belt was awarded to CANDI DEVINE. Look for her to drop it to MAGNIFICENT MIMI...

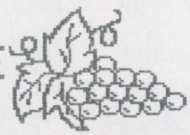
**trivia** Answer to last month: Mad Dog Burger No one answered correctly. How 'bout an easy one: What is BROTHER LOVE's real name and what promotion did he announce for? Correct answers received before Feb 1st will get one month free to WR. Let's have some participation this time!

Did 'ya catch Toronto Maple Leaf announcer HARRY NEALE pointing out RIC FLAIR in the audience in Chicago? He called him a WWF wrestler, and nobody recognized KEVIN SULLIVAN who was with Flair... On a recent edition of Maple Leaf Wrestling, JESSE VENTURA claimed that Thornbury, Ontario (on Georgian Bay) wants him as mayor. Anyone know the details on this one?... Continental Wrestling out of Alabama has folded due to a lack of money. There is much question as to what will happen with the valuable TV time slots... Former Portland wrestler COCOA SAMOA has been arrested for being involved in a drug ring... THE BOUNTY HUNTERS are the tag team champs in Florida...

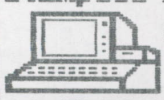



STEVE DISALVO has returned to work weekends, and is after LARRY CAMERON's North American title. He is also re-starting a feud with ANGEL OF DEATH... KONAN THE GREAT looks great and has some tremendous moves. He is feuding with ARC ANGEL... Look for GREAT GAMA to regain the Commonwealth title from BRUCE HART soon... BOB EMORY came in to replace the departed DJ PETERSON in matches against Cameron. He looked pretty good... Ladies K.C.HOUSTON & DESIREE PETERSON are in the area for a while...

## I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...



PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY & EDDIE GILBERT are going to get Continental's TV time, and start up their own promotion... TULLY BLANCHARD may be getting out of wrestling for good... BOB ORTON JR and BILLY JACK HAYNES are both expected back with the WWF... The NWA is looking at bringing in JUSHIN RIGER from Japan, who most Stampede fans will remember as KEIICHI YAMADA...



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## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

ANDRE THE GIANT & HAKU beat DEMOLITION for the WWF tag team titles at the recent Nashville tapings. Also at those tapings, they taped the No Holds Barred cage match. Of course, HULK HOGAN & BRUTUS BEEFCAKE defeated the evil team of RANDY SAVAGE & ZEUS. It seems Savage & Beefcake both left the cage to battle it outside, while Hulk was pummelled by Zeus inside. Eventually, Brutus got back inside to help Hulk. Hogan then had a superman comeback and pinned Zeus for the win. Savage bled heavily from a foreign object... Beefcake recently used his clippers to cut up a RICK MARTEL outfit... New feuds include DUSTY RHODES with new valet SAPPHIRE vs Randy Savage & SHERRI and HACKSAW DUGGAN vs BIG BOSSMAN... Royale Rumble is January 21st...
They are taping the NBC Prime Time Special Live on February 23rd from Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Plan to attend if you can, if not catch it on tee-vee.

## WRESTLEMANIA 6

I usually don't talk about WrestleMania this early , but it is going to be in Toronto at the SkyDome on April 1st, and we need to plan. I plan to attend, and hope that many of you do too. Hopefully, we can all get together somewhere before and/or afterward. Can get a deal on a meeting place or hotel rooms? Is there anyone who lives in the Toronto area who would be willing to billet visitors from out of town to save on hotel costs? Remember we're all wrestling fans. Is there someone in Toronto or nearby who wants to co-ordinate a get-together? Please call or write and let me know as soon as possible. We need ideas as well as participation.
I'm hoping for a Hogan vs MR PERFECT main event, but it may be Hulk vs ULTIMATE WARRIOR. Ticket prices are going to be steep, so start setting aside money now. Think WrestleMania SkyDome and Canadian Wrestling Report!

# How TSN The Sports Network Views Pro Wrestling

### From Stampede to the NWA

by: Greg Oliver

January 1st was not a happy day for me. I turned on my TSN Wrestling at 5:00 pm and found that there was no ED WHALEN, LARRY CAMERON or OWEN HART. Instead, it was Winnipeg's West Four Alliance, hosted by BULLDOG BROWN & JOE AIELLO.

The next day, I phoned The Sports Network to find out what was happening. They were very helpful and patiently answered all of my questions. It seems that they have instructed their wrestling production company, MAYFORD PRODUCTIONS LTD of Calgary, to do something different. TSN wants to showcase other regions of Canada with wrestling, not just Calgary. Winnipeg, Vancouver and Calgary are three that they plan to tape. It sounds like a decent idea, but we will have to see just what comes about over the next month.

Pro Wrestling Plus, as many of you have noticed, has begun to go downhill. Most of the matches are very old, with very little that is up-to-date. TSN is aware of the problem, but it is very difficult financially and legally to obtain recent footage. Often they end up showing their "second choice."

The Sports Network is very happy with the new AWA contract signed with ESPN. TSN has a contract with ESPN that gets them the AWA tapes after it has been shown on ESPN. And since the new ESPN/AWA contract has a better chance for the AWA to be fit into their TV schedule, TSN will be getting the AWA on a regular basis, and won't have to substitute Pro Wrestling Plus.

TSN has also looked into getting other wrestling programs. All Canadian rights to the WWF are tied up at JACK TUNNEY's Titan Canada office in Toronto. WWF rights would be too expensive. TSN has also looked at the NWA, especially since it has been purchased by TED TURNER and WTBS. TSN found the NWA a "slick show" but "very violent" and "extremely vicious." The various conduct codes set out by the CRTC, the governing body for Canadian radio & television, prevent the showing of "gratuitous violence" and "sex-role stereotyping." Both of which are found in the current NWA product, as shown by the frequent use of weapons and the character of WOMAN. These codes set out by the CRTC are voluntarily followed by TSN to protect their brodcasting license. They worry about what children are going to see and the impact of their shows. This clears the air over many of the events that have taken place in Stampede over the past year.

I hope this is worthwhile insight into TSN wrestling.

NWA PRO WRESTLING

Starrcade '89 is history. The NWA now gears up for the next Pay Per View special, to be called Wrestle War '90: The Wild Thing, from Greensboro, NC. Clash X will set it all up February 6th on WTBS. That Clash will be called Texas Shoot-Out... That PPV will likely feature RIC FLAIR vs LEX LUGER for the World title, with the belt probally going to Luger... THE ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS are headed back to the NWA, which will likely end the DYNAMIC DUDES and continue the R&R vs MIDNIGHT EXPRESS feud... Newcomer CACTUS JACK MANSON has started a feud with STING. The NWA obviously has a lot of confidence in this newcomer, pushing him to the top from the start... TOMMY RICH is feuding with MIKE ROTUNDO and has been targeted by the returning KENDALL WINDHAM. The young Windham has bulked up a bit, though it is hard to tell... THE FOUR HORSEMEN ride again, though unofficially. OLE & ARN ANDERSON have been protecting champ Ric Flair from GARY HART's trio of the GREAT MUTA, BUZZ SAWYER & DRAGON MASTER. Sting is sort of the fourth member... Sid Vicious' collapsed lung has prevented him from wrestling... NORMAN THE LUNATIC appears to have a crush on WOMAN. He has been taking pictures of her at ringside. Norman has also befriended STEVE WILLIAMS... Don't expect the NWA back in Buffalo... Went to the NWA show in Detroit on December 16th at Cobo Hall. A crowd of about 3,500 was on hand. Results saw: Flair pin Luger to retain his World title. Flair surprised Luger with a rollup. The champ bled early... The Andersons beat the WILD SAMOANS... SCOTT & RICK STEINER returned to hometown Detroit as tag champs to beat DOOM... ROAD WARRIOR HAWK beat DAN SPIVEY by DQ when TEDDY LONG used a chair... The Midnight Express beat the Dynamic Dudes in a match of mostly comedy... JACKO VICTORY beat RANGER ROSS... And in the opener, KEVIN SULLIVAN pinned EDDIE GILBERT. They went to the pin after Gilbert suffered an injury, apparently his ankle or his knee. He was taken away by ambulance...

STARRCADE '89 FUTURE SHOCK

On December 13th from the Omni in Atlanta, the NWA brought the world another Starrcade. It was a round-robin tournament of singles and tag team based on points. Winners by pinfall got 20 points, by countout 15, by DQ 10 and a draw gave each wrestler 5 points... Overall, I thought it was a good show, but nothing special like Starrcade should be. Results in the singles matches saw: Lex Luger beat Sting when they both fell into the ring, with Luger on top. He used the ropes for the pin... Ric Flair pinned the Great Muta in an excellent short match. Gary Hart's crew and the Andersons were at ringside... Sting also pinned Great Muta, so Muta is no longer all that undefeated... Flair went to a 15-minute draw with Lex Luger. Luger was in the figure four for the last few minutes... Luger beat the Great Muta by DQ when Muta sprayed mist... Sting surprised Flair with a pinfall to take the IRONMAN title by 5 points over Luger... In the tag team division: Rick & Scott Steiner beat Doom by countout when Rick beat the count... Road Warriors beat Doom... Steiner pinned the Warriors when Scott lifted his shoulder, and Animal didn't in a double pin situation... Wild Samoans beat Doom... Steiners pinned Samoans... Road Warriors pinned Samoans to win the IRONTEAM title by 5 points over the Steiners...

If you are interested in a copy of Starrcade'89 and Clash IX: New York Knockout, then send me $14 for a copy. Please make cheque payable to Greg Oliver.

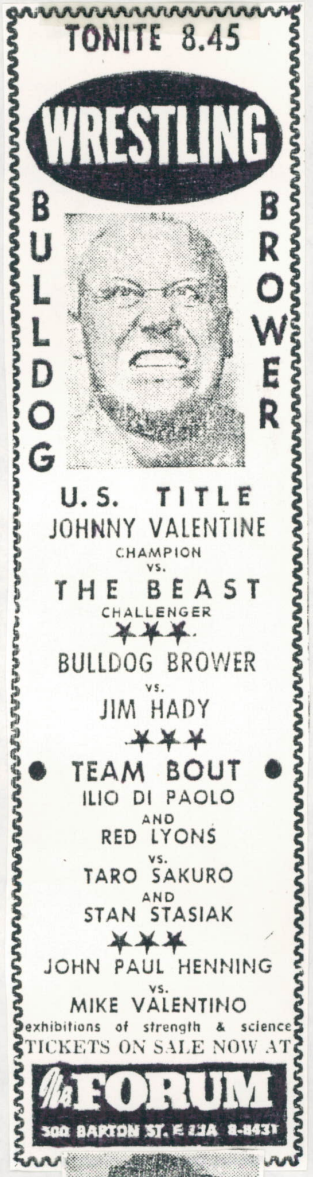
## REMEMBERING HACKSTACKS CALHOUN

BY TERRY DARC

On a sad note, former mat great Haystacks Calhoun passed away on December 7th at the age of 55 of a massive heart attack in McKinney, Texas.

I remember when he first appeared on TV as "Country Boy" Calhoun. And who could forget when big Haystacks teamed up with the late Alaskan strongman YUKON ERIC to wrestle such villianous teams as ART & STAN NIELSEN, DICK THE BRUISER & GENE KINISKI, ROY & RAY SHIRE and many more. Hackstack also had classic battles with Classy FREDDIE BLASSIE and a great feud in 1970 with the SHIEK in Detroit. Their feud climaxed in May 1970 at the Cobo Arena in a brutal Arkansas Death Match in which both men have wooden clubs and the first one to drop their club cannot pick it up. From then on it is a free for all. Special referee Flying FRED CURRY got in the Shiek's way and got clubbed, receiving a fractured hand. Haystacks Calhoun's chances against the Shiek were over.

Haystacks Calhoun is listed in the Guinness World Book of Records as the largest athlete ever at 601 pounds. He was a quiet, friendly big man and will be sadly missed by myself and all his many, many fans. Rest in peace, Haystacks.



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# A JAR FULL OF MEMORIES

With Terry Dart

HAMILTON FORUM FEBRUARY 5, 1963

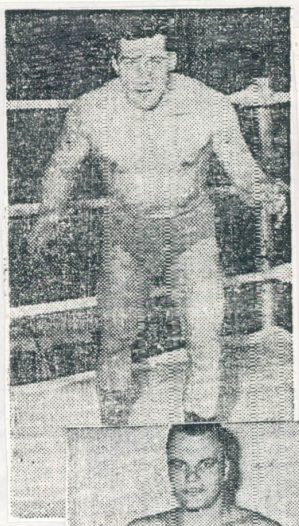
In a best of three falls main event, rugged U.S. champ JOHNNY VALENTINE put his title on the line versus the BEAST from Sicily. The first fall was wild, with the Beast immediately going for his patented bearhug. Valentine kept him at bay with a punishing armlock. After 17:30 the Beast ran into a series of wicked brain-busters to the neck and was pinned. In the second fall, the lights went out on big Johnny when Beast put him in a bearhug at 34:00. The third fall was a riotous affair as the Beast booted Valentine out of the ring, and wouldn't let him back in. Johnny charged the ring and hit both the referee and the Beast. The bout became a slugfest that ended only after the full hour had expired to rule the match a hard-fought draw...

In the semi-final, BULLDOG BROWER returned with all his mayhem against the hero of the night, Gentleman JIM HADY. Brower really had no trouble subdueing Hady with a vicious flying kneedrop at the seven minute mark... In other bouts... ILIO DIPAOLO teamed up with BILLY RED LYONS to battle to a wild thirty minute draw with Japanese champ TORU SAKURO and STAN STASIAK. It appeared that Lyons & DiPaolo were ahead on points, but they could not bring about a pinfall... JOHN PAUL HENNING kept his winning streak in hand as he disposed of nasty BIG MIKE VALENTINO with his famous bow and arrow hold in the opener...

In place of some repetitious notes, this month I have included a few photos of the stars of this show. I do however wish all of you a very happy and safe new year.

THE BEAST

JOHNNY VALENTINE



JIM HADY

STAN STASIAK

ILIO DIPAOLO

## <<LETTERS>>

In a recent issue of GQ - Gentleman's Quarterly, VINCE MCMAHON fashioned himself as "the Walt Disney of wrestling." This leads me to see things in a different light. I see HULK HOGAN as "Mickey Mouse" and RANDY SAVAGE as "Donald Duck." I'll pick SENSATIONAL SHERRI as "Daisy Duck" while the lady ELIZABETH can remain as "Snow White." As for "Goofy," HACKSAW JIM DUGGAN or ANDRE THE GIANT will do. TED DIBIASE suits as the billionaire "Scrooge McDuck" and AKEEM would make a fine "Dumbo the Elephant." Don Hoidn, Toronto

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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Hulk Hogan
WWF Tag – Haku & Andre the Giant
I-C – Ultimate Warrior
NWA – Ric Flair
NWA Tag – Scott & Rick Steiner
NWA TV – Arn Anderson
U.S. – Lex Luger
U.S. Tag – To Be Determined
AWA – Larry Zbyszko
AWA Tag – Detruction Crew
AWA Ladies – Candi Devine
USWA – Jerry Lawler
USWA Tag – Robert Fuller & Brian Lee
CWA – Bill Dundee
Texas – Kerry Von Erich

## EDITORIAL

For the month of FEBRUARY 1990

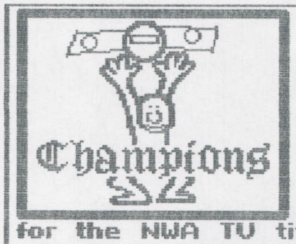
**JOE MONTANA vs RIC FLAIR**

Many comparisons can be made between a quarterback of a football team and a world champion in wrestling. Each is the flagship for the team or league. Compare JOE MONTANA of the Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers to RIC FLAIR, champion of the NWA. Both athletes had the best year of their careers in 1989, even though some considered them past their prime.

Montana has been in the NFL for 11 years and continues to get better. He has the highly touted STEVE YOUNG on the sidelines, waiting for a chance to play. His years of experience have given him a mastery of the complex football game. Though he may be old by football standards, it would be insane to take him out.

Ric Flair has been wrestling now for 17 years. Successors to his throne have come and gone. The newest challenge is LEX LUGER, the heralded Total Package of pro wrestling. Flair has an uncanny ring psychology and maybe the best wrestling skills in the world. The debate rages on whether he should he step down or not.

Pro athletes have short careers, but the good ones, like Montana & Flair, get better as they get older.




## ARN ANDERSON

**NWA TELEVISION CHAMPION**

When ARN ANDERSON beat the GREAT MUTA for the NWA TV title, it showed that the HORSEMEN were back for good. It also showed that Arn can be just as good as a singles wrestler as he is a tag wrestler.

Anderson's career over the past year and a half has been flying. He went from being NWA tag champion with TULLY BLANCHARD to WWF tag champ as the BRAIN BUSTERS. The two then left the WWF to return to the NWA. Blanchard was sidetracked by drug accusations, and Anderson was forced to go his own way.

It is expected that the Horsemen will turn heel again, likely against STING. OLE & ARN Anderson work best as heels and how long can RIC FLAIR remain a good guy?

## WRESTLEMANIA 6 SKYDOME

**Toronto, Ontario April 1, 1990.**

A press conference scheduled from 11 am to 1 pm on February 5th formally announced the main event for Wrestle Mania 6 at the SkyDome in Toronto. As most know, the main event will feature WWF Champion Hulk Hogan vs Intercontinental Champion Ultimate Warrior.

Tickets for the event went on sale February 5th at 9:30 am via Ticketmaster at 872-1111. Prices for tickets range from $25 to $150 for ringside.

Speculation for the rest of the card runs rampant. Expect the Colossal Connection to lose the WWF tag titles and Andre the Giant to turn good (and retire?).

The Canadian Wrestling Report is deep into the planning of a fan get-together over the WrestleMania weekend. Write today to get more information!

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## Rassl'in' Results

In the next four match reports, try to figure out the travel schedules...

WWF NIAGARA FALLS JANUARY 7th

ANDRE & HAKU brought new meaning to the word 'stall' when they beat DEMOLITION by countout. Actual ending was good, but Andre... MR PEFECT CURT HENNIG pinned the RED ROOSTER in a match where the Rooster wrestled like TERRY TAYLOR... JIMMY SNUKA beat HONKYTONK MAN... RODDY PIPER & RICK RUDE went to a double-DQ in a lumberjack match when everybody jumped in the ring. Rather slow paced. Hennig & Piper scuffled... TUGBOAT squashed BOB BRADLEY. Toot toot. Nice intro music. Another overweight clown who is a poor worker... BIG BOSSMAN was injured so DUSTY RHODES & SAPPHIRE beat up SLICK instead. Don't ask me to explain it, but the fans loved it... BAD NEWS BROWN beat SAM HOUSTON in a fairly good opener... Report by Norm McEvoy...

WWF WINNIPEG JANUARY 7th

JAKE ROBERTS beat TED DIBIASE by DQ when VIRGIL interfered. DiBiase then left Virgil to be DDT'd and snaked... ULTIMATE WARRIOR beat DINO BRAVO... RICK MARTEL upset BRUTUS BEEFCAKE by using the ropes. After, Beefer put Martel in a sleeper and prepared to cut his hair. FRENCHY MARTIN threw water on Martel to save the Model's hair... POWERS OF PAIN beat the ROCKERS when MARTY JANNETTY was pinned. The Rockers took the loss out on MR FUJI with his cane... HERCULES beat IRON MIKE SHARPE, a sub for AKEEM... TITO SANTANA beat Frenchy Martin with a cross body block... EARTHQUAKE TENTA beat PAUL ROMA... Attendance was about 3,500... Report: Beau Hajavitch...

WWF BRANTFORD JANUARY 8th

JAKE ROBERTS pinned TED DIBIASE using the tights in a well-fought battle. VIRGIL & DiBiase double-teamed the Snake until Ted left, and Virgil was DDT'd and snaked... MR PERFECT CURT HENNIG beat JIMMY SNUKA with a perfectplex... ANDRE & HAKU beat DEMOLITION by countout... HERCULES beat IRON MIKE SHARPE with a backbreaker... TUGBOAT beat BOB BRADLEY... BIG BOSSMAN complained of a foot injury, so DUSTY RHODES was awarded the match. Rhodes then dropped the 'bionic elbow' on SLICK and SAPPHIRE pinned him. A big disappointment... BAD NEWS BROWN beat TITO SANTANA... Not as good as last Brantford show... Report by Mike Burke...

WWF MONTREAL JANUARY 8th

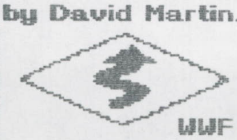
ULTIMATE WARRIOR pinned DINO BRAVO after using a splash. ( **1/2 )... BRET HART beat RICHARD CHARLAND ( sub. for Windham ) with a piledriver. ( *1/2 )... RODDY PIPER & RICK RUDE were both counted out. Great heat after the match where Piper gave lashes to Rude with a belt. ( *** )... RICK MARTEL beat BRUTUS BEEFCAKE using the ropes. ( * ) Beefer lost to Martel last month too... ROCKERS won by DQ of the POWERS OF PAIN when MR FUJI interfered ( ** )... HONKYTONK MAN beat RED ROOSTER by using the trunks ( DUD )... CANADIAN EARTHQUAKE squashed SAM HOUSTON with his amazing ( !!! ) splash. ( - * )... Report by Francois Lalonde...

CNFW HAMILTON JANUARY 13th

The Niagara Exhibition Wrestling is now the Canadian National Wrestling Federation. Promoter HERB PELTZ runs shows just about every two weeks at the Balmoral Tavern on King St in Hamilton. Results saw: SUZIE Q beat DANGEROUS DEBBIE STAR.. FARMER PETE beat LITTLE JOHN... SLEDGEHAMMER ARMSTRONG drew with ALEXANDER THE GREAT... DONOVAN JACK O'SHEA won possession of the Light Heavyweight belt by defeating MAD DOG JIM DI MARCHI in a great Texas Death Match... Report by Dr. Don...

WWF OSHAWA JANUARY 26th

DUSTY RHODES beat BIG BOSSMAN in a cage match that was a total waste. It took over 30 minutes to set the cage up and the match lasted 8 minutes. Neither seemed interested. A real diasppointing main event. ( * )... BRET HART beat BAD NEWS BROWN by DQ when Brown pulled the ref infront of him. Pretty dull ( * )... BRUTUS BEEFCAKE beat RICK MARTEL in another weak match. Beefcake spent more time taunting Martel & the ref with his scissors than in the ring. ( * )... BUSHWACKERS beat BOLSHEVIKS in the most entertaining match of the evening. LUKE hit ZUKHOV over the head with BORIS' boot to end it. ( *** )... HERCULES beat BOB BRADLEY, who was a replacement for AKEEM. ( * )... AL PEREZ beat PAUL ROMA by using the ropes. ( ** )... MARK YOUNG used a nice reverse spiral flip off the top rope to beat FRENCHY MARTIN. ( 1/2* )... Report by David Martin...



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WWF Sudbury March 21

Not much else until WM6...

NWA PRO WRESTLING

For the first time since August, the NWA did not have a Pay Per View or Clash special... The next Clash is on February 6th with RIC FLAIR, STING & ARN ANDERSON vs THE GREAT MUTA, DRAGON MASTER & BUZZ SAWYER in a cage headlining... That match may set up more than a friendly exhibition between Flair and Sting as the main event of WrestleWar '90, February 25th. Also on that show will be OLE & Arn Anderson vs SCOTT & RICK STEINER, LEX LUGER vs STEVE WILLIAMS and the ROAD WARRIORS vs SKYSCRAPERS... Locally, the NWA can be seen on CFTO TORONTO now on BOTH Saturday and Sunday nights at 12:15. The tapes on Saturdays have been one week behind, and the Sundays have been mid-1989 World Wide shows. The tapes are send behind by the NWA, so it is not CFTO's fault. They are contracted to play what they are sent... ARN ANDERSON beat GREAT MUTA for the TV Title... They will be holding a tournament to once again crown U.S. tag team champions... MEAN MARK GALLOS has replaced SID VICIOUS in the SKYSCRAPER tag team. Vicious is out with a punctured lung and won't be back until June... GARY HART is apparently gone as a manager... THE NEW ZEALAND MILITIA are now officially the ROYAL FAMILY with LORD LITTLEBROOK as manager... The NWA will be cutting back its travelling schedule to Thursdays to Sundays, with the other days for TV tapings... WOMAN has approached RIC FLAIR on TV about managing the HORSEMEN... The new design to NWA WRESTLING WRAP UP makes it one of the best programs I have ever seen... NORMAN THE LUNATIC is infatuated with Woman. For that reason, Woman (Nancy Sullivan), has been rescued by her husband KEVIN SULLIVAN... BIG JOHN STUDD is expected in for a while...

The USWA (Texas) and CWA (Memphis) have now officially merged. This is only logical, as they are both owned by JERRY JARRETT. The crews will now work half the week in Tennessee, and the other half in Texas. Wrestlers who will be travelling will get the biggest pushes. This means down-playing for JERRY LAWLER, who stays in Memphis and the VON ERICHS, who will stay in Texas... Lawler lost and regained the USWA title from KING COBRA. The feud started because Lawler was upset that Cobra used 'King' as a ring name... ERIC EMBRY & PERCY PRINGLE are both gone... KERRY Von Erich regained the Texas title from Jerry Lawler in a match where if Kerry lost, he would have had to retire... SUPERSTAR BILL DUNDEE is still the CWA champion... JEFF JARRETT & MATT BORNE are feuding with USWA tag champs BRIAN LEE & ROBERT FULLER... DON BASS is wrestling as the PUNISHER... JUNKYARD DOG & PAUL ORNDORFF are both expected in. Orndorff has been running a chain of bowling alleys... DUSTIN RHODES is feuding with GARY YOUNG. The two have faced off in many gimmick matches like lumberjack and strap matches... The rookie who was wrestling as STEVE WILLIAMS is now STEVE AUSTIN. He is feuding with TODD MORTON... Jeff Jarrett has been battling BILLY TRAVIS...

WEST FOUR WRESTLING ALLIANCE

The show from Winnipeg has been picking up of late, with promoter TONY CONDELLO taking the show on the road throughout Manitoba and Saskatchewan. There has also been talk on TSN Wrestling of a tour to Ontario. Don't count on it yet... A few WFWA notes: Promoter Condello works full time as a hair stylist... CLUB TABOO, the location where TSN Wrestling is taped, holds about 300 people. It is a strip joint, and strippers were doing a show in the ring between matches. Security is lax there, as witnessed by the beer bottles being thrown in the ring... Announcer JOE AIELLO doubles as an announcer on classic rock station CITI FM in Winnipeg. He is heard there as VINNIE TESTOSTERONI, a rebel janitor who barges in on the regular DJs... THE FRENCH MAD DOG, the subject of many jokes these days, used to be jobber PUPPY DOG PELOQUIN for the AWA... THE GOLDEN SHIEK was a regular in the audience of every AWA taping at Norberry School in Winnipeg throughout 84-85... On the recent TV shows: KEN PATERA has revealed SCOTT 'Flash' NORTON to be his mystery partner against SHIEK ADNAN AL-KAISSIE & CHRIS MARKOFF. Norton was a former arm wrestling champion... Former Tomko regulars BUDDY WAYNE & OLE OLSON had a good match and bring a much needed youth to the show... BULLDOG BOB BROWN claimed that RIC FLAIR, EDDIE GILBERT, RICKY RICE & DERRICK DUKES are on their way to the WFWA... Thanks to Winnipeg's superstar reporter, Beau Hajavitch...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

As many of you now know, HULK HOGAN won the third ROYAL RUMBLE. Hi-lites of the main event: TED DIBIASE staying in for almost 45 minutes... Hogan and ULTIMATE WARRIOR double-clothesline on each other and later, Hulk eliminating Warrior... A battle with JAKE ROBERTS, RANDY SAVAGE, RODDY PIPER & DiBiase... CURT HENNIG having the 'Perfect Pick', number 30... Other Rumble matches: BUSHWACKERS beat the ROUGEAUS (who are only working big shows)... RONNIE GARVIN made GREG VALENTINE submit to his leglock... HACKSAW DUGGAN beat BIG BOSSMAN by DQ when BBM used his nightstick... BRUTUS BEEFCAKE went to a double DQ with GENIUS LANNY POFFO. Beefer later cut Poffo's hair, and was attacked by MR PERFECT... BROTHER LOVE's segment with SAPPHIRE & QUEEN SHERRI ended with DUSTY RHODES battling Savage...

Other WWF notes: PAT TANAKA & AKIO SATO are headed in as a Japanese tag team to feud with the ROCKERS... Big Bossman turned good to feud with Ted DiBiase alongside Jake Roberts...

## WRESTLEMANIA 6

This mega-show will be set-up via NBC Main Event, from Joe Louis Arena in Detroit February 23rd. The Main Event will have HULK HOGAN vs RANDY SAVAGE with MIKE TYSON as the referee. That match may set-up a Savage vs Tyson match for WM6 and the Hulk vs Warrior match...

Preliminary planning has a get-together at a Toronto bar or hotel the Saturday night to watch tapes and shoot the breeze. WE NEED TO KNOW if you are planning to come and if anyone will be underage (under 19). If there are many underage, we will be in a hotel hall. The decision has to be made soon! Hotel reservations will be up to you, but other arrangements can be made. Please write today!

## trivia

Answer to last month: BROTHER LOVE is BRUCE PRITCHARD, and he announced for BILL WATTS' Universal Wrestling Federation (UWF)... Once again, no right answers... This month, Toronto supershow trivia - Who headlined the two Maple Leaf Wrestling shows at Exhibition Stadium in July 1983?

## AWA NEWS

Look for LARRY ZBYSZKO to lose the AWA World title on February 10 to TATSUMI FUJINAMI. The match is taking place at the Tokyo Egg Dome... AWA Tag champs DESTRUCTION CREW have been DQ'd in their recent matches because of a new rule barring top rope action. The Crew are expected to leave soon. They are simply too talented... YUKON JOHN NORD is feuding with COLONEL DEBEERS... MAGNIFICENT MIMI is after CANDI DEVINE's AWA Ladies title... The talk, as you can tell, is on how long the AWA will last. They only book one show a month themselves, the TV taping. Occassionally, other shows are sold, such as the failure in Toronto in December. This reporter doesn't think they'll last past May...

## OTHER NEWS

BLACKJACK MULLIGAN & KENDALL WINDHAM were arrested for trying to pass off counterfeit money in Florida. BARRY WINDHAM ( WIDOW MAKER ) posed bond money. Barry is not expected back to the WWF or wrestling for what are believed to be personal reasons... A new ladies wrestling promotion called Ladies Pro Wrestling Association has started with women like MEDUSA MACHELLI, JUDY MARTIN, LELANI KAI, MISTY BLUE and LINDA DALLAS. KEN RESNICK & SGT SLAUGHTER are announcers, and ADRIAN & LINDA STREET are billed as mixed tag champ... LEO BURKE beat CARLOS COLON to win the Universal title in Puerto Rico... Thanks to NORM DA COSTA of the Toronto Star & PRO WRESTLING PLUS for their continued support... If you can, read the wrestling column in the Detroit News by M.L.CURLY. It appears each Sunday, and pulls no punches... The Canadian Wrestling Report & I were featured on CKCO-TV's Morning Magazine with TENO MONTE on February 2nd. Let me know if you want to see it... WES MAIDMENT, 40 Augusta St., Cambridge, Ontario N1R 1G1 is looking for old wrestling magazines from other readers of the Cdn WR. Send him a list...


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Next issue: A list of newsletters associated with the Canadian Wrestling Report!

# PICKING UP THE PIECES OF STAMPEDE WRESTLING

## Stu Hart Folds Stampede Promotion After 38 Years

## New groups tackle Albertan and Canadian markets

On one side of the story, we have the unfortunate, but expected demise of Stampede wrestling. On the other side, we have the hope and promise of the future.

The announcement that STU HART had decided to close Stampede wrestling after 38 years of promoting made Canadian Press wires and newspapers nationwide. It also was covered by CBC Newsworld and other TV outlets. The loss of the largest truly Canadian wrestling promotion was not a surprise; independent promotions around North America have been dropping like flies.

It is important not to count Stampede wrestling down yet though. Stu Hart closed down Stampede before, in September 1984. Wrestling fans in Alberta rejected the new WWF Maple Leaf Wrestling, and encouraged Stampede Stu to bring his show back. And Hart will still act as the promoter for the WWF when they come to town.

The state of the HART BROTHERS WRESTLING SCHOOL is uncertain at this point. The school has turned out some of the finest wrestlers in the world, ranging from the eight Hart boys, to grapplers like JAKE ROBERTS, RICK MARTEL, JUNKYARD DOG, CARLOS COLON, IVAN KOLOFF and SUPERSTAR GRAHAM.

As the Stampede promotion slowed down, a new promotion in Alberta began to start up. The CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATION is centred in Vulcan, ALTA, a town about 60 miles south of Calgary. The CIWF does not have a TV outlet and they do not play big towns – the biggest so far was Lethbridge. Promoters FRED JUNG, CAREY HILZ and ALLAN WALKER were simply there to fill the void created by the demise of Stampede wrestling. They gave Stampede-dependent wrestlers like CHRIS BENOIT, JOHNNY SMITH and LARRY CAMERON a chance to work, while using other stars like BULLDOG BROWN and BUFFALO BILL CODY. The CIWF is in for some tough competition in the near future though.

The rumour spread quickly that television producer FRED MAY of MAYFORD PRODUCTIONS had taken out a promoter's license for the province of Alberta. The rumour became fact as May announced his plan to create the CANADIAN NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE, with the help of his strong TV connections. The CNWA will take over where Stampede left off, and then some. Initial plans have the CNWA promoting across Canada within the year.

The CNWA taped their first show at the Silver Dollar Action Centre in Calgary on January 31st. The show will become TSN Wrestling, with broadcasts beginning February 5th. The host of the TV show will be ED WHALEN. Television coverage of the CNWA will be nationally on TSN and on 16 localized stations – many of which were left without wrestling after Stampede ended.

"Hard-hitting wrestling" will be the key to the promotion, according to promoter Fred May. Four champions will be recognized: Eastern, Central and Western champions that all vie for a chance at the Canadian title. The different divisions will give promoters nation-wide a chance to get involved and be supported by the strong television coverage of the CNWA. Promoter TONY CONDELLO of the WFWA in Winnipeg will be the head promoter of the Central region.

Canadian wrestlers will be spotlighted as much as possible, but independent wrestlers from around the world will be brought in to improve levels of competition. Many of the Stampede wrestlers will successfully continue their mat careers in the new promotion.

The outlook for the CNWA at this moment is very positive. The recent developments towards a "television then wrestling" philosophy by major players like the WWF and the NWA give the CNWA a strong hand in Canada.

The time has come for Canadian wrestling fans to rally together to support the Canadian product. The WWF will succeed whether we support them or not. The smaller shows need our support. If you get the chance, don't miss your chance to see the CNWA, the WFWA, the CIWF or any other independent show.

Have some pride in the Canadian product!

A last minute addition to the Canadian Wrestling Report, since we ended up with an extra page. This is a listing of the various newsletters and bulletins that I receive.
So, once you have your subscription to the CdnWR renewed, then send some spare cash to try out some other bulletins.
Make cheques payable to the name of the editor, in U.S. funds.

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P.O.Box 1228 Campbell California 95009-1228
Weekly. $5.00 for four issue set. Sometimes known as 'the Bible' of pro wrestling, it covers everything, everywhere. Send for it today!

MATWATCH 213 Pine Hills Ave Auburn AL 36830
Steve Beverly Weekly. $6 for 7 issues. $36 for a year.
A look at pro wrestling on television. Very professional.

ARENA REPORTS 916 Sloewood Ct Lake Mary FL 32746
Ron Lemieux Twice a month. $0.75 per issue.
Results from matches plus commentary. A good read.

PRO WRESTLING TORCH P.O.Box 201844 Minneapolis MN 55420
Wade Keller BiWeekly. $1.25 per issue. $25.00 for 20 issues.
News and commentary. Colour photo each issue. The Torch has some great columnists like Ray Whebbe and Brother Jeff Steele.

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Monthtly. $1.00. Everything that happens in the Pacific Northwest.

RINGWORMS AND RUBARB BABES SUSHI P.O.Box 36189 San Jose CA 95158
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CHOKEHOLD 190 Grove Ave Des Plaines IL 60016
Lance Levine $1.00 Monthly. The wild side of wrestling bulletins.

FANTASY FEDERATION 50 Shelley Lane Great Neck NY 11023
Jeff Cohen Every 6 weeks. $1.00 per issue.
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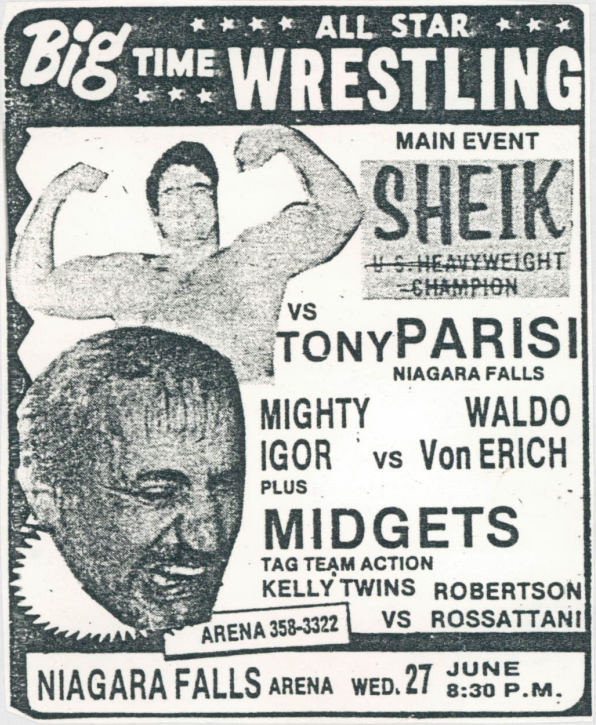
FACTSHEET FIVE 6 Arizona Ave Renseselaer NY 12144-4502
Mike Gunderlov 8 per year. $3.00 per issue.
An unbelievable listing of things that you can get in the mail - from wrestling newsletters to poetry to books to videos.

## NIAGARA FALLS ARENA JUNE 27, 1979

Hometown favorite TONY PARISI finally got his long awaited match with the hated SHEIK. Parisi must have taken an overdose of ugly pills, as he attacked the Sheik like a man possessed. The 1,000 or so fans were up in arms as the Sheik began jabbing a pencil into the throat of Parisi, cutting off his air supply. The Sheik then threw Tony from the ring, as the fans scurried to safety. While I was at ring-side taking pictures, the Sheik pushed me down and began stomping on my shoulder. Thank goodness Parisi finally persuaded the Sheik to re-enter the ring after hitting him over the head 3 times with a chair. Once inside, Parisi threw a series of dropkicks, knocking Sheik senseless. Parisi then took the pencil and drove it into Sheik's face, making a crimson mask. Referee WAYNE CASHMAN tried to stop Parisi, but was knocked down and forced to signal for the bell. Parisi had been disqualified at the 9 minute mark, much to the ire of the the crowd.




In a wild semi-final, WALDO VON ERICH and the MIGHTY IGOR were counted out at 14 minutes. Both men had tried to use their favorite holds for the win. Igor had used headbutts and his famous bearhug, while Von Erich had used kicks, stomps and a vicious flying knee drop off the top rope. At the end, they were fighting on the press table... A wild tag team bout was awarded to VIC ROSSATTANI & DEWEY ROBERTSON over the KELLY TWINS, PAT & MIKE. Robertson used a bodyslam and a backbreaker to subdue Pat ( or was it Mike? ) after 35 minutes... The crowd pleasing midgets opened. WEE WILLIE beat MIGHTY CUPID with a dropkick and shoulder stand after 20 minutes of entertaining action... NOTES: This was the first wrestling card in Niagara Falls in two years and it was there only because an ardent wrestling fan took up a petition and got over 600 signatures. WILDMAN DAVE MCKIGNEY brought his BIG TIME WRESTLING back to the Falls. Following the card, McKigney announced a Texas Death Match between the Shiek and Tony Parisi on July 18, 1979... TONY PARISI was a most popular wrestler. He often teamed with LUIS CERDAN ( GINO BRITO SR ). They had wild matches over the WWF tag titles with the EXECUTIONERS, KILLER KOWALSKI and JOHN STUDD... THE SHEIK has also attacked me in Dundas, Ontario in a match against BOBO BRAZIL. He hit me across the face with his rolled up prayer rug, knocking me in the first row of ringside and destroying my camera. What a lunatic!... WALDO VON ERICH first wrestled in the late '50's as WALLY SIEBER and was a good guy until he began teaming with FRITZ VON ERICH... MIGHTY IGOR, the Polish Strongman, first wrestled as DICK 'Mr.Michigan' GARZA for the late Michigan promoter BERT RUBY. Igor acted a lot like current WWFer HILLBILLY JIM... VIC ROSSATTANI was an average wrestler that gained success in Ontario and Stampede. In the mid '70's he wore a mask as THE AVENGER, with manager THE GENERAL... THE KELLY TWINS were a tag team that could wrestle as heels or good guys. The Kellys wrestled as the SUPER DESTROYERS in Ontario for the Wildman and as the VON SHULTZ BROTHERS in Detroit....

## BRONKO NAGURKSI - A CANADIAN WORLD CHAMP PASSES AWAY

The newspapers remembered BRONKO NAGURSKI the football player, but we now pay homage to BRONKO NAGURSKI the wrestler. Bronko was born in Rainy River, Ontario in 1906. He lived and died in the United States. Nagurski held the NWA World title on two occasions - June 23, 1939 to March 7, 1940 - beating LOU THESZ and losing to RAY STEELE - and March 11, 1941 to June 5, 1941 - beating Steele and losing to SANDOR SZABO, Though some say he didn't live for wrestling, he did do his part.

# Canadian Wrestling Hero Whipper Billy Watson Dies at Age 74

Whipper Billy Watson may have been the greatest Canadian pro wrestler of all time. He was incredibly popular and he was a tremendous humanitarian.

On February 4, 1990, The Whip died in Orlando, Florida of a heart attack. Watson held the NWA World Title on two occasions – February 21, 1947 to April 25, 1947 – beating Bill Longson and losing to Lou Thesz – and March 15, 1956 to November 9, 1956 – beating and losing to Lou Thesz. Watson also held the British Empire Championship for many years. Some of his greatest feuds were against Gorgeous George, Lou Thesz, Fred Atkins and Gene Kiniski. He was born in East York, Ontario. His wrestling career started in 1936 in England, and ended in 1974 following a car accident. Watson is known for his wrestling exploits, but is probally better known for his work with Crippled Children and other charitable organizations.

"Whipper Bill Watson won... 473 consecutive matches at Maple Leaf Gardens... He was the piece de resistance, creme de la creme of athletes in Toronto... Watson was a bonafide good guy. Outside the ring, he couldn't do enough for Crippled Kids, for example and was an exemplary kind of citizen... He invented the commando plus crotch hold, I think it was called. I remember him warmly as a very nice guy... Yeah, I liked Watson. He fought Kiniski, Killer Gene Kiniski, it seemed like 900 times across the country. Watson would win in Toronto, and Kiniski would always win in his hometown, which was Edmonton." Dick Beddoes CFRB Radio Toronto

Wrestling fans everywhere will miss the Whip, but will never forget him.

WORLD TITLE

**WHIPPER WATSON**

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vs.

**GORGEOUS GEORGE**

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**WATSON**

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vs.

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**ATKINS**

*Australian Champion*

and the following exhibitions of strength and science

VILLMER vs. LEE

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McCREADY vs. VALOIS

TOURIST vs. FLANAGAN

MAPLE LEAF GARDENS

**TONIGHT--8:30**

Boys and Girls — Play safely so you can play longer. Join Whipper's Safety Club — Phone Elgrove 2256.

*Australian Fred Atkins Snatches Empire Title From Whipper Watson*

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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF - Hulk Hogan
WWF Tag - Haku & Andre the Giant
I-C - Ultimate Warrior
NWA - Ric Flair
NWA Tag - Scott & Rick Steiner
NWA TV - Arn Anderson
U.S. - Lex Luger
U.S. Tag - Tom Zenk & Brian Pillman
AWA - Masa Saito
AWA Tag - Detruction Crew
AWA Ladies - Candi Devine
USWA - Jerry Lawler
USWA Tag - Rex King & Steve Doll
CWA - Bill Dundee
ICW - Tony Atlas

## MASA SAITO
### NEW AWA WORLD CHAMPION

The AWA World Title has changed hands- from a family relation to an old faithful. LARRY ZBYSZKO is husband to KATHY GAGNE, the daughter AWA chieftan VERNE GAGNE. MASA SAITO has served the AWA faithfully for most of the past decade. Saito is better known to Canadian fans as Mr.Saito, the gentleman who was arrested with KEN PATERA a few years back.

Saito won the title from Zbyszko at the Tokyo Dome on February 10th before 63,900 fans. He becomes the second wrestler of Japanese origin to win the title. The other was JUMBO TSURUTA.

Saito has been a solid performer in both the U.S. and Japan. That will not likely change in the near future.

## EDITORIAL

For the month of MARCH 1990

### WHY PUBLISH?

Over the course of the past month, I have been challenged to determine just why I publish the Canadian Wresting Report. This is the list that I came up with:

1. It is an excuse to watch wrestling. It justifies time spent watching TV, reading newsletters or getting the latest gossip on the phone.
2. A inform the public on what is happening in pro wrestling.
3. To keep contact with friends and make new friends.
4. To learn valuable business skills, ranging from bookeeping to marketing to public relations.
5. It is fun and relaxing to me.
6. To get mail and other newsletters.
7. It has become a comfortable habit. I feel good putting together each issue and hearing response.
8. A constant challenge to do better and find new areas to enter - such as our pre-WrestleMania VI get - together.

I'd like to challenge other bulletin editors to come up with the same type of list. I'd also like to hear from the readers on this subject.
How about 'Why subscribe?' or 'Why Watch Pro Wrestling?'

## WRESTLEMANIA 6 SKYDOME

**Toronto, Ontario April 1, 1990.**

### GET TOGETHER INFORMATION

On March 31st wrestling fans will have a chance to convene at the FOUR ACES RESTAURANT at 1169 Queen St. E. at Jones in downtown Toronto. For those who know T.O., it is just inside the east end. Four Aces phone # is 469-2844.

The location has always been good to wrestling fans, and this night will be no different. A $2.00 cover charge will be the only fee, to cover extra staff. Food and drink will be available all night long. It becomes a private party after nine, but you may want to be there at six to catch NWA Power Hour. We will be watching video tapes and talking wrestling the night through. There is no limit on attendance, so plan to be there!

More WrestleMania 6 information inside!

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## Rassl'in' Results

**WWF TORONTO**
**FEBRUARY 4, 1990**

First off, BILLY RED LYONS made the announcement of WHIPPER BILLY WATSON's death. They darkened the arena and rang the bell in tribute to him... HULK HOGAN pinned both MR PERFECT CURT HENNIG & GENIUS LANNY POFFO in a handicap match. Hogan survived both the PerfectPlex and Poffo's dreaded "Super Skip" to win. The real surprise was that he pinned both guys, one after the other. Curt was great, Hulk did his part and Poffo was hilarious. ( *** ) Afterwards, Hulk pulled down Lanny's tights and spanked him. As if we needed to see further humiliation... JIM NEIDHART beat HONKYTONK MAN ( Dud )... THE ROCKERS & HACKSAW DUGGAN beat POWERS OF PAIN & MR FUJI. The Rockers made this one watchable, taking lots of bumps from the big guys. The end saw Fuji going to the salt, Duggan using the 2X4 and Fujisan doing what he does best. Pretty entertaining. ( ** )... RICHARD CHARLAND beat JOSE LUIS RIVERA in a match that was actually pretty good, but nobody watched. ( *1/2 )... TED DIBIASE beat JAKE ROBERTS by countout. A good solid match thanks mainly to Ted, who posted Jake then slapped the sleeper on outside the ring. Afterwards, he was berating VIRGIL to go in the bag after the belt when Jake came to and nailed Virgil with the DDT. The rest you probally know. ( *** )... HERCULES beat CONQUISTADOR... JIM POWERS beat FRENCHY MARTIN... Report by Norm McEvoy...

### ? QUESTIONS ?

When is the next Hamilton independent show? Next show is March 4th. More info next month.

What is the address for NWA WRAP-UP?

The program of the NWA is available for $24.95 U.S. per year with chqs to: Wrestling Wrap-Up. One CNN Center, Box 105716, Atlanta, GA 30348-5716.

Is Andre the Giant from Quebec?

No, Andre is from France, but did live in Montreal for a while, and still owns a restaurant there, I believe.

How about a 'Where are they now?' column? Terry Dart has been trying, but he doesn't know where all the old wrestlers are. If you know of one, write to him care of the Cdn WR.

Why does Jesse Ventura call Gorilla Monsoon 'Gino'? Gorilla's real name is Gino Marella. His son is ref Joey Marella.

Who were the Russain Assassins? Jack Victory & Dave Sheldon (Angel of Death)

## THE MAIN EVENT

**JOE LOUIS ARENA**
**FEBRUARY 23, 1990**
**NBC 10 pm**

The Main Event special in prime time on NBC has, for the last three years, set up the main event at WrestleMania. This year, they did things just a bit differently.

Originally, it was World Boxing Champion MIKE TYSON who was to referee the WWF World title match between HULK HOGAN and MACHO KING RANDY SAVAGE. Of course, Tyson lost his title to JAMES 'BUSTER' DOUGLAS on February 10th. Logically, Tyson backed out of the NBC special and Douglas was there to pick up the former champ's slack.

The main event battle between Hulk and Savage was no different than many of their other fights. Savage sold great, making Hogan look nearly invinoible. QUEEN SHERRI at ringside made herself known, but was ejected by outside ref Buster Douglas. The end came after a Savage elbow smash. Hulk Hulked-out and took the action outside. Hogan hit Savage into referee EARL (or was it DAVE) HEBNER, knocking him out. Hulk legdropped Savage, and covered for the pin. Douglas came in and counted the fall. The story was not done there. Savage was understandibly upset and slapped Douglas. A few minutes of clowning later, Hogan pushed Savage into Douglas, who KO'd the Macho King with two lame punches. The Hulkster and Buster then posed for the crowd.

Up next was ULTIMATE WARRIOR vs DINO BRAVO. Hi-lites (can there be any with Warrior vs Bravo?) saw Warrior go under the ring, and pull JIMMY HART in with him. Hart then left without his pants. Warrior later pinned Bravo and as expected, EARTHQUAKE got involved. The two Canucks pounded on the Warrior. Just as Tenta was about to splash Warrior from the ropes, Hulk Hogan came to the rescue. He knocked Tenta over the top rope and chased the heels off. Warrior and Hogan then had yet another staredown.

To me, it was really a weak show. I was excited beforehand, but certainly not afterward. Meaningful results from Joe Louis Arena : Andre & Haku beat Demolition... Rick Martel beat Brutus Beefcake... Dusty Rhodes beat Curt Hennig... Earthquake beat Ronnie Garvin... Ted DiBiase beat Jake Roberts by countout... Roddy Piper went to a double DQ with Rick Rude in a lumberjack match...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

Let's try to look at some other news, besides WM6... GREG VALENTINE has dyed his hair black. To be honest, I think that it is about time he changed. Another WWF vet that needs an overhaul is TITO SANTANA... STEVE DISALVO had a try-out at the most recent TV tapings... MR FUJI is managing the ORIENT EXPRESS - SATO & TANAKA. BOBBY HEENAN will manage the BARBARIAN, and hopefully, we'll never hear from the WARLORD again. Look for HAKU to leave Heenan and ANDRE THE GIANT to turn good... WrestleMania VII will be March 24, 1991 from the Los Angeles Coliseum... The WWF will be running a show in Japan in conjunction with All-Japan and New Japan on April 13th. The tentative line-up has HULK HOGAN vs TERRY GORDY, GIANT BABA & Andre vs DEMOLITION, ULTIMATE WARRIOR vs TED DIBIASE, RICK MARTEL & CURT HENNIG vs JUMBO TSURUTA & YOSHIAKA YATSU, GENICHIRO TENRYU vs RANDY SAVAGE, TIGER MASK vs BRET HART and more. The interesting thing about this show is the mixed matches, with WWF vs Japanese. Expect more news on this and you should eagerly await the WWF video tape...

## WRESTLEMANIA 6

The SkyDome will easily be sold out. Elevated ticket prices will likely set a gate record. The show will be available on Pay Per View and on closed circuit in Canada... We shall now venture some predictions... HULK HOGAN vs ULTIMATE WARRIOR - I can't see Hulk losing, despite what the WWF wants you to think. Hulk will pin Warrior and then give Warrior back the I-C title... ANDRE & HAKU vs DEMOLITION - Demo will win the titles back, period. Haku, Andre or both will turn good... TED DIBIASE vs JAKE ROBERTS - This will be a good one, and Ted will win his title back. Maybe VIRGIL will turn good... RODDY PIPER vs BAD NEWS BROWN - Poor Roddy. Bad News Brown? The Hot Rod will win and consider ending his career again - until he gets a match with Hulk... BIG BOSSMAN vs AKEEM - Might be fun. There is no way BBM will lose... RANDY SAVAGE & QUEEN SHERRI vs DUSTY RHODES & SAPPHIRE - There will be lots of comedy in this one. The Dream and his date will emerge victorious after the King's evil plan backfires... ROCKERS vs JAPANESE CONNECTION - Can't wait for this one, if it happens. There won't be a conclusive finish - likely a double DQ or double countout... HART FOUNDATION vs BOLSHEVIKS - Bleecch! Take Hart & Neidhart, but they should have some real opponents... RICK MARTEL vs KOKO B WARE - Martel, easily... MR PERFECT CURT HENNIG vs BRUTUS BEEFCAKE - I think that it will end in DQ, with the GENIUS interfering. Curt will be Perfect... RICK RUDE vs JIMMY SNUKA - Don't know about this one. Heenan will likely help Rude win... JIM DUGGAN vs DINO BRAVO - Hot dog time. Bravo in a horrible match... TITO SANTANA vs BARBARIAN - If they intend to push Barby, we'll see it here... EARTHQUAKE TENTA vs HERCULES - Big John will challenge Hulk by the end of the year. Herc can't stop him... RHYTHM & BLUES ( VALENTINE & HONKYTONK ) song - Hide under your seats for this one!...
The Toronto media has really picked up on this show already. I really hope to see many of you at our get-together and at the show... Happy WrestleMania!

## trivia

Answer to last month: RIC FLAIR vs HARLEY RACE for the NWA World title headlined the Toronto stadium shows of July 1983. One correct answer from wrestling guru Terry Dart... This month: Who was under the mask as the EXECUTIONER at WrestleMania I against TITO SANTANA?...

## OTHER NEWS

DYNAMITE KID & DAVEY BOY SMITH have been teaming in Japan... CHRIS BENOIT wrestled in Japan as the PEGASUS KID... OWEN HART recently returned from Japan also... Pay Per View Television has been approved by the CRTC as an experiment in three Saskatchewan cities... Independant wrestling promoters have formed the UNITED INTERNATIONAL COMBAT SPORTS promotion. The group is headed by RED BASTIEN and features the ICW, Japan's Frontier Martial Arts, KILLER TIM BROOK'S promotion in Texas, Windy City, Southern Championship, Mexico and possibly Australia. More news to come... Sampson the Wrestling Bear was recently banned from the Hamilton Sportsmen Show by the Humane Society... A new newsletter is WRESTLING THEN & NOW, put out by Evan Ginzburg. He features both recent news and returns to past shows. The monthly newsletter is available for $1.25 U.S. from Evan Ginzburg, P.O.Box 471 Oakland Gardens Station, Flushing N.Y. 11364... CURTIS THOMPSON (ARC ANGEL of Stampede) won the Portland title from SCOTTY THE BODY... PAUL E DANGEROUSLY has been working wonders on the ICW television shows...

## NWA PRO WRESTLING

THE WILD THING Pay Per View report can be found on p5 of this issue. ... The show was set up by WTBS Clash of the Champions X: Texas Shootout. That show saw: OLE & ARN ANDERSON & RIC FLAIR turn heel on STING in an interview at the beginning of the show. The Horsemen later beat GREAT MUTA, BUZZ SAWYER & DRAGON MASTER in a short cage match. Sting tried to get into the cage, but ended up injuring his ankle, and therefore the reason he is out indefinitely... STEVE WILLIAMS beat SAMOAN SAVAGE... RICK & SCOTT STEINER beat DOOM, forcing them to unmask. Doom is RON SIMMONS & BUTCH REED... TOM ZENK & BRIAN PILLMAN beat THE MOD SQUAD... NORMAN beat KEVIN SULLIVAN in a match where the fall counts anywhere. The end came in the ladies washroom, when Sullivan fell out. Norman then came out with toilet paper and the toilet seat around his head. Who remembers Stampede's Makhan Singh - Toilet Bowl T-shirts?... MIL MASCARAS beat CACTUS JACK MANSON. Manson then beat up the drummer of the NWA band... ROAD WARRIORS beat SKYSCRAPERS by DQ when DAN SPIVEY brought a chair in and destroyed the Warriors... Copies of this show and Wild Thing are available for $14, with cheques payable to Greg Oliver... In other news... MIKE ROTUNDO has turned good to feud with Cactus Jack Manson. The two were tag team partners... Tom Zenk & Brian Pillman won the tournament for the US tag titles... Steve Williams and the Great Muta have left the NWA for Japan... SID VICIOUS re-signed with the NWA and will be back in the summer... Expect to see more of the title WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING, as management has decided to begin phasing out the NWA banner... JOE PEDICINO quit after he was asked to turn heel as TV personality... Rick Steiner has been carrying a 'Sting's Revenge' sign to the ring... Dragon Master is gone... Kevin Sullivan, Buzz Sawyer & Cactus Jack have joined forces... Expect roster changes soon, as many contracts renewals come up in May...

## USWA

JERRY LAWLER has been doing 'shoot' interviews, criticizing the WWF and NWA, and complaining about the over-abundance of steroid monsters... Lawler has faced the JUNKYARD DOG on numerous occasions. He also faced off against former TV colour commentator TERRY GARVIN... ROBERT FULLER & BRIAN LEE lost the USWA tag titles to the SOUTHERN ROCKERS, STEVE DOLL & REX KING and regained them during the same TV show. The titles have continually gone back and forth... PHIL HICKERSON has quit... New to the area are TEXAS BATTLESHIP and HOLLYWOOD JOHN TATUM... GARY YOUNG & CHRIS YOUNGBLOOD have Lone Ranger & Tonto gimmick going. The two are feuding with DUSTIN RHODES & JJ FUNK... DIRTY WHITE BOY has faced CHRIS CHAMPION in snake box matches, where the loser has his head put in a box with a snake. Champion is also currently 'in possession of' DIRTY WHITE GIRL... Lawler has been sticking his nose in everyone's business. He is managing SOULTAKER, still roughing up KING COBRA on every occasion, teaming with BILLY TRAVIS against JEFF JARRETT & his partner, and battling DUTCH MANTELL & BILL DUNDEE when he can... Robert Fuller will be holding a Star Search to find a replacement for SYLVIA, who left the promotion... JEFF GAYLORD has been feuding with MANIAC MATT BORNE...

## WEST FOUR WRESTLING ALLIANCE

With the Canadian National Wrestling Federation moving onto TSN, it will severely cut the information on this group... To correct an error - Club Taboo, where they have been taping the WFWA, is not a strip joint. They just had a stripper between matches. It is a dance club that attracts a young crowd, and is owned by a company that runs six other type clubs in Winnipeg... The WFWA has been having problems promoting in Winnipeg because of date mix-ups on TV... KEN PATERA has been having problems crossing the border, stemming from his arrest on assault charges a few years back... The latest WFWA taping took place February 12th, but those shows will only be seen on the few stations that the WFWA is on... Updates on the WFWA are expected to be on Pro Wrestling Plus, and as a part of the CNWA package... The Central CNWA champion will soon be determined in Winnipeg...

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Next issue: Everything you every wanted to know about WrestleMania VI !!!

Let's take a look at the debut of the CNWA on TSN Wrestling. The show is hosted by ED WHALEN and JOE AIELLO, with the owner of the Silver Dollar Action Centre, FRANK SISSON alongside. BULLDOG BOB BROWN filled in the following week... The ring is different than Stampede. It is shiny and appears hard.... The crew of Mayford Productions provided good camera work, taking the viewer right into the ring on occasion..... During the RANDY THATCHER vs GOLDIE ROGERS, they cut to a full screen interview with STEVE DISALVO. This is not a good idea, as it takes too much away from the match... Interviews and matches are 'no-nonsense', and straight-forward. This is a direct contrast to the gimmickery currently abounding on the pro scene... Wrestlers in the area... RANDY THATCHER is easily the best looking and the best wrestler. He reminds me of CHRIS BENOIT... DUKE MYERS, GOLDIE ROGERS, GREAT GAMA, AKIM SINGH, JERRY MORROW and ANGEL OF DEATH have all seen better days... Great Gama is the booker... To me, this promotion really needs to push the youngsters, like Thatcher. It will add credibility and show that they are not dwelling on the past... They have the TV, now all they have to do is build in some excitement and unpredictability... Good luck to the CNWA...

**CIWF** The competition is still around. Promoter FRED JUNG has former Stampede stars JOHNNY SMITH, CHRIS BENOIT, DYNAMITE KID, and LARRY CAMERON. The CIWF recently got a television outlet in Lethbridge, so they are far from giving up in the wrestling battle of Alberta...

## AWA NEWS

MASA SAITO won the AWA World title from LARRY ZBYSZKO on Feb.10 in Tokyo, Japan. His reign is expected to last at least a few months... The recent AWA TV tapings saw NIKITA KOLOFF beat Larry Zbyszko to become the No.1 contender for the title... PAUL DIAMOND & BRAD RHEINGANS beat DESTRUCTION CREW in a non-title cage match... JAKE 'The Milkman' MILLIMAN is one of the most popular wrestlers right now in the AWA... DJ PETERSON has returned to the AWA... NIGHTSTALKER is a newcomer... The football match between MEAN MIKE ENOS and THE TROOPER made no sense whatsoever... JONNIE STEWART & the UNKNOWN SOLDIER have formed an allegiance... MAGNIFICENT MIMI & COLONEL DEBEERS recently faced off against CANDI DEVINE & BARON VON RASCHKE in a Beauty & the Beast match - who was the Beauty on Devine & Baron's side?...

## WRESTLEWAR '90 WILD THING

FEBRUARY 25, 1990 GREENSBORO, NC

Many say that had STING been able to wrestle, that he would have won the NWA World title from RIC FLAIR. When LEX LUGER was slotted into the match, the doubts began. Luger overcame any doubters, but still came away empty handed in his third Pay Per View shot at the Nature Boy...

In the main event, LEX LUGER lost to RIC FLAIR by countout when OLE & ARN ANDERSON attacked STING, who was outside the ring on crutches and Luger made the save. It was a classic NWA match. Luger proved that he belonged in the main event, showing his wrestling skills, endurance and more. Flair proved why he still belongs on top, even after all these years. The match went for 38 minutes... SCOTT & RICK STEINER beat OLE & ARN ANDERSON to retain the NWA World tag titles when Rick pinned Ole. Another fine battle... FLYIN' BRIAN PILLMAN & Z-MAN TOM ZENK beat the FABULOUS FREEBIRDS to retain the U.S. tag titles that they had won in the tournament final over the 'Birds on Feb. 12th... NORMAN beat CACTUS JACK MANSON by sitting on him... ROAD WARRIORS beat the SKYSCRAPERS in a very short Chicago Street Fight. The 'Scrapers were MEAN MARK GALLOS and a masked man. DAN SPIVEY has apparently left the NWA / been fired after missing a TV taping without notice... KEVIN SULLIVAN & MADDOG BUZZ SAWYER beat the DYNAMIC DUDES when Sawyer flew off the top rope for the pin. Upon impact, it sure looked like Sawyer broke his hand... ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS beat the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS in a great match. JIM CORNETTE's tennis racket figured into the ending... The next NWA Pay Per View is on May 19th from the D.C.Armory in Washington, D.C. It will be called Capital Combat... The NWA will also likely run a show to counter WWF WM6 on free WTBS...

# A JAR FULL OF MEMORIES
With Terry Dart

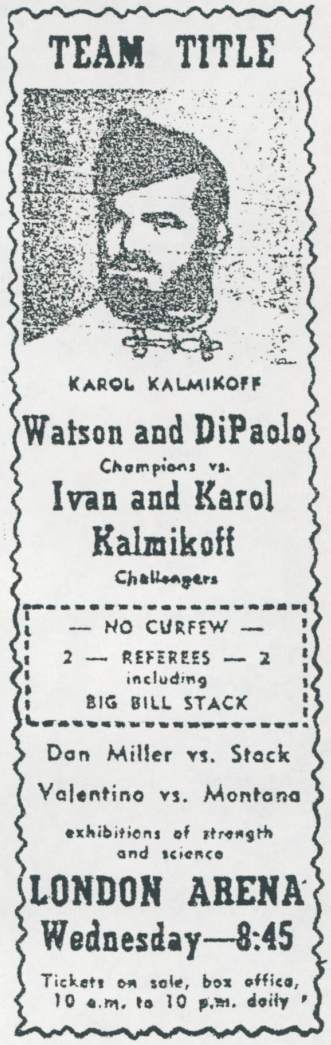
## LONDON ARENA MARCH 1960

In the main event, WHIPPER BILLY WATSON & ILIO DIPAULO defended their Canadian tag team titles against IVAN & KAROL KALMIKOFF. In the first fall, Ilio went right to work with armdrags. He took the first fall with his famous airplane spin in a scant 2:41. The second fall was a real doozer. The Kalmikoffs, upset about losing the first fall, really went to work with their illegal tactics on the champs. They heaved DiPaulo from the ring and continually kicked him. To make things worse, Ivan rammed DiPaulo's head into the steel ring post. DiPaulo's hard noggin helped him get back in to tag Whipper. Watson came into the ring like a gangbuster. He grabbed Ivan and slammed him onto the press table. Then Watson tried to bodyslam the table on Ivan. When this failed Whipper rolled the Mad Russian up in a snow fence that he pulled from the back of the arena. Irate fans swarmed ring-side, kicking at the fence with Ivan inside. London police intervened to prevent a riot. Who said wrestling was not an audience participation sport? Somehow, Ivan got out and went after Watson with the press table. Brother Karol took DiPaulo outside the ring, roughed him up and Ivan finished him off at 32:00 with a flying kneedrop. The third fall was much the same, with Whipper and DiPaulo hitting the nasty Russains from Rostov, USSR with everything but the kitchen sink. The match ended with Whipper having Karol all tied up, bopping him with vim and vigour. Referee JOE GOLLOB warned Watson to stop. Whipper then hit Gollob between the eyes, knocking him flat on his rear-end. Gollob had no choice but to disqualify Watson & DiPaulo at 6:16, despite protests from the 2,500 in attendance.

In other bouts: DAN MILLER won a wild semi-final over BILL STACK of Toronto with a kneedrop to the back of Stack's neck and a piledriver at 26:00 of mayhem. Big Bill Stack was injured and could not ref the main event.

MIKE VALENTINO ( BARON SCICLUNA ) was awarded the referee's decision over mean and nasty LENNY 'The Bull' MONTANA at the end of the 30 minute time limit.

NOTES: Watson and DiPaulo were great Canadian tag team champions, with wins over such teams as the MILLERS - DAN, BILL and ED. They lost and regained the titles from DON LEO JONATHON and GENE KINISKI, and finally lost them to TINY MILLS and KRUSHER STAN KOWALSKI. Both had great finishing holds. Whipper Watson used his Canuck Commando Unconcious Hold, while DiPaulo used the airplane spin. Both were always contenders for the world title. Today, I think DiPaulo runs a hotel in upstate New York. And as we all know, Whipper Watson passed away on February 4, 1990. Now Whipper will be with Our Lord in Heaven. Rest in peace Whip. I will never forget your kindness to me, along with so many other disabled people. He would always say to me, "How are you tonight Terry?" as he came in from his car. Whip, you were all class in my book!... Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff held many titles and wrestled such teams as YUKON ERIC & BOBO BRAZIL, JOHN & CHRIS TOLOS, ROY & DON McCLARITY and many more. Ivan was the roughest of the team and had a great feud with Whipper Watson with matches like Russain Strap Matches and Texas Death Matches. Today, Ivan works for the Detroit Zoo. Karol, who early in his career wrestled as Karol Krauser, passed away in his early 40's of a heart attack. I used to wait for Ivan before he went into the arena and carry his suitcase. That way, at a young age, he would let me in for free. Ivan was a real nice guy outside the ring...Dan Miller was always known as the baby of the family, with Bill and Ed. Dan was famous for his shoulder backbreaker, like HERCULES uses today.... Lenny 'The Bull' Montana was a real villain and used a kneedrop to end his bouts. He often used a foreign object to win matches... Mike Valentino gained fame as Baron Scicluna in the WWF, as tag champ with KING CURTIS... Big Bill Stack never made it big in this sport, as he had no killer instinct... As ED WHALEN would say, "Bye Now!".... Terry.



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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Ultimate Warrior
WWF Tag – Demolition
I–C – Ultimate Warrior
(Title likely to be vacated)
NWA – Ric Flair
NWA Tag – Scott & Rick Steiner
NWA TV – Arn Anderson
U.S. – Lex Luger
U.S. Tag – Tom Zenk & Brian Pillman
AWA – Masa Saito
AWA Tag – Detruction Crew
USWA – Jerry Lawler
USWA Tag – Rex King & Steve Doll
CWA – Bill Dundee
ICW – Tony Atlas

## EDITORIAL

For the month of APRIL 1990

**THE SPIRIT OF WRESTLING**

Over the last few months, I may have seemed more energetic than usual about the current wrestling scene. I think that is good. Let's look at what has happened locally:

1) WRESTLEMANIA 6. What else needs to be said?

2) WRESTLING REPORT GET TOGETHER. We had a great time, and all are encouraged to re–convene for the next NWA PPV on May 19th.

3) NWA ON CFTO–Toronto. Though this may not be a big deal to many readers, it is to me. Now I can catch two hours of up–to–date NWA, my favorite promotion, on Saturday.

4) SUBSCRIBERS RENEWING & SIGNING UP FRIENDS. It is a great feeling when people renew. It is also good to know that people believe in the product enough to get friends to subscribe.

5) CIWA IN HAMILTON. It is a return to fun wrestling. Don't miss ANY independent show!

6) HELP IN PUTTING NEWSLETTER TOGETHER. Take a look this issue – reports from Montreal, Winnipeg & Edmonton. Where are we missing? Take the time to write!

From all this, I've learnt to be enthusiastic. I've read enough criticism of today's wrestling scene.

## THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR

**WWF WORLD CHAMPION**
**WWF I–C CHAMPION**

Two titles. One man. For the moment.

On April 1st, the world shook as HULK HOGAN fell in defeat at the hands of the ULTIMATE WARRIOR at the SkyDome in Toronto. A World title change in Toronto, the first since February 6, 1977 when HARLEY RACE beat TERRY FUNK for the NWA World title.

But this match is not about history, it is about the future. With the Warrior taking the WWF title, Titan Sports has indicated that he will reign, both in the ring and in merchandising over Hogan. And to strengthen their position, neither grappler played the heel. Instead, Hogan presented the title to Warrior following the bout. The next chapter in the history of the WWF is about to be written.

Enter the Ultimate Warrior, Jim Hellwig, a former bodybuilder from California. He started out in POWER TEAM U.S.A. Then Jim and fellow Team member Steve Borden left. Together they were the BLADE RUNNERS, but met little success. B.R.Rock went to World Class and was the DINGO WARRIOR. B.R.Sting excelled as simply, STING.

The rest they say is history. Warrior joined the WWF and worked on small shows. He debuted on TV and soon won an 8–man battle royale. From there, his character grew in popularity, helping him win the Intercontinental from HONYTONK MAN at Summer Slam '88. His reign lasted until WrestleMania 5, when he lost to RICK RUDE. Soon, the I–C title was around his waist again. It was time for new challenges.

WWF Champion Hulk Hogan was next.

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## Rasslin' Results

### WWF EDMONTON
### FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1990

About 10,000 people came out to the Northlands Coliseum for the show... The main event saw JAKE 'the Snake' ROBERTS beat TED DIBIASE with BIG BOSSMAN as referee. BBM hit Ted, leading to Snake's win... COLOSSAL CONNECTION beat DEMOLTION by countout to retain their tag titles. ANDRE was terrible... HACKSAW JIM DUGGAN and BAD NEWS BROWN battled to a double countout... BRET HART beat GREG VALENTINE with a small package... AKEEM beat TITO SANTANA by using the ropes... TUGBOAT THOMAS beat CONQUISTADOR #1... PAUL ROMA beat BLACK BART... Report: Harry J Forest...

### WWF WINNIPEG MARCH 3, 1990

The WWF travelling show stopped next at the Winnipeg Arena. About 3,000 were on hand for the show... In the main event, JAKE ROBERTS sunset-flipped TED DIBIASE for a fast 3-count by referee BIG BOSSMAN. DiBiase & VIRGIL later tried to get the million dollar belt, but were double clotheslined by BBM... COLOSSAL CONNECTION won over DEMOLITION by DQ... HACKSAW DUGGAN & BAD NEWS BROWN battled to another double countout... BRET HART pinned GREG VALENTINE with another small package... SLICK tripped TITO SANTANA, helping AKEEM score the win... TUGBOAT THOMAS pinned CONQUISTADOR #1... PAUL ROMA beat BLACK BART in a short opener... Report by Beau Hajavitch & Winnipeg Free Press... A side note from Beau: Guess who I saw eating together at a table in the food court at Polo Park Shopping Centre, across the street from the Winnipeg Arena? None other than DAVE HEBNER & JIMMY HART. Dave was wearing a black "WWF Television Network" jacket and Hart was wearing his usual loud stuff. Kids asked them for autographs while they ate. Could you imagine Pro Wrestling Illustrated doing a story on this: "Manager Tries To Influence WWF Official!"

### WWF MONTREAL MARCH 9, 1990

HULK HOGAN & BIG BOSSMAN beat MR PERFECT CURT HENNIG & THE GENIUS... ROCKERS & HACKSAW DUGGAN beat POWERS OF PAIN & MR FUJI... RONNIE GARVIN beat RICK RUDE by DQ. Garvin filled in for RODDY PIPER. BAD NEWS BROWN interfered to cause the DQ... Bad News Brown beat RED ROOSTER... TITO SANTANA beat FRENCHY MARTIN... AL PEREZ beat PAUL ROMA... KOKO B WARE beat PLAYBOY BUDDY ROSE...


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### ARENA WRESTLING ALLIANCE
### NEW ZEALAND TOUR MARCH 1990

Don Muraco brought a group of wrestlers on a tour of New Zealand during late February-early March. Ticket prices were fairly high at $31 for adults. The tour featured DON MURACO battling ABBUDA DEIN for the title of the group... THE BRITISH BULLDOGS - JOHNNY SMITH (billed as JOHNNY BOY) & DYNAMITE KID vs the PIT BULLS, managed by LARRY SHARPE... CHAVO GUERRERO vs JIM POWERS... plus other wrestlers... The group is returning in April with HAKU, BUSHWACKERS, PIT BULLS, BOLSHEVIKS, and GUERREROS. Haku & 'Wackers are there to renew their N.Z.citizenship. it is during the WWF post-WrestleMania lay-off... Report by: Rennay Stevenson

## ? QUESTIONS ?

**What is your opinion of the Weekly World News wrestling column?**

The news is fairly accurate, but also lots of rumours to boost interest.

**What did the wrestlers do or what was their profession before they became wrestlers for the WWF?**

Many of the wrestlers in the WWF are second generation, groomed for wrestling - DiBiase, Hennig, Hart, Valentine, Poffo. Big Bossman was a prison guard. Rick Rude was a bouncer. Santana & Duggan played football. Earthquake was a sumo wrestler. Savage played baseball.

## NWA PRO WRESTLING

The NWA has suffered a rash of injuries that has put many plans on hold. ARN ANDERSON is out with a herniated disc and pinched nerve that may keep him out for the year. BUZZ SAWYER broke his wrist. And SHANE DOUGLAS, EDDIE GILBERT, STAN LANE were all out for a time with injuries... ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER is new to the area as NORMAN's tag partner that was in the black box... DAN SPIVEY was fired... MICHAEL HAYES was suspended. STEVE CASEY took his place alongside JIMMY GARVIN in the FREEBIRDS against the ROCK'N' ROLL EXPRESS... OLE ANDERSON has brought in MINNESOTA WRECKING CREW to face the STEINERS. The Crew is the DESTRUCTION CREW from the AWA... THE SAMOANS will be next in line to face the Steiners... THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS are feuding with U.S.tag champions, TOM ZENK & BRIAN PILLMAN. JIM CORNETTE even went so far as to steal the tag belts... TONY SCHIAVONE will leave the WWF after WrestleMania to return to the NWA as chief of the NWA syndicated shows... BAM BAM BIGELOW is expected in... There is also talk of KEVIN & KERRY VON ERICH coming in... MEAN MARK CALLOS will be wrestling singles, and may get a crack at U.S.champ LEX LUGER... DOOM has been putting up a good fight against the ROAD WARRIORS. 'Sugar Ray' TEDDY LONG will be facing PAUL ELLERING in a series of comedic boxing matches... CFTO-TV Toronto has changed its schedule for NWA wrestling. NWA Pro will be on at 1pm Saturdays for a while, until it is moved to 3pm. NWA World Wide will be seen at 12:15am Saturday. They found that "Sunday was not a good night for wrestling."... RIC FLAIR was to loose the NWA World Title on the weekend of March 23-25, but things fell through. Look for LEX LUGER to capture the belt at the next Atlanta Omni show in early April. The title change could air on TV over the Easter weekend...

## USWA

JERRY LAWLER lost and regained his USWA title to JIMMY VALIANT during March. The title change was only recognized in Memphis... The SOUTHERN ROCKERS - REX KING & STEVE DOLL have been battling DIRTY WHITE BOY & his new protege ROCKIN RANDY... BRIAN LEE & ROBERT FULLER have broken up as a tag team in Memphis, but continue to team in Dallas... BOTSWANA BEAST and ERIC EMBRY have returned... MIKE AWESOME, a former NWA jobber, is new to the area... DOG OF WAR is gone. Despite what some people may believe, the Dog Of War was not JOHNNY K-9 of Hamilton... JJ FUNK beat TEXAS RANGER in a mask vs mask match, revealing GARY YOUNG... BILL DUNDEE has been defending the CWA title against TERRY GARVIN, Robert Fuller and Dirty White Boy... DWB has regained the DIRTY WHITE GIRL from CHRIS CHAMPION... Champion is out of action, following an attack by Jerry Lauler... NATE THE RATE has returned to the area as a gopher for USWA champ Lawler, but has since turned good... JJ Funk is feuding with ICEMAN KING PARSONS... Other Texas notes: KILLER TIM BROOKS is still promoting, while IVAN PUTSKI, JOHNNY VALENTINE / TUG TAYLOR, and GARY HART are all planning to promote in Texas against the established USWA...

## WEST FOUR WRESTLING ALLIANCE

by: Beau Hajavitch

Well, the WFWA suffered yet another setback. First it was the live card being cancelled, then it was the TV show, now it is the TV taping.

Although there were signs posted inside Club Taboo saying wrestling was on Tuesday, March 13 (that's how I knew about it) and the big, free-standing sign outside advertised it (that's how everyone else knew; no publicity because of old TV shows the past month), apparently the original date was Monday, March 12th. Because another act was booked for the club on that date, management moved the wrestling to Tuesday. That means no tv equipment, cameras, commentary, etc. because all that stuff could not be here on Tuesday. No big names either. No JOE AIELLO or BULLDOG BOB BROWN or CNWA signs like we saw on Pro Wrestling Plus from the Feb.12 taping either. Commentary was done by TONY CONDELLO and some young ring announcer. They put on a show for the people that showed up, but it started an hour late and there was music played between matches, sometimes up to three songs. I got bored easily and left after three matches. In those matches, THE NATURAL beat THE GOLDEN SHIEK, FRENCH MAD DOG beat STEVE WILD, and MIGHTY JOE beat the HEARTBREAKER. Who knows what will be on TV for the next few Sundays... JOE AIELLO will apparently be moving to Calgary full-time... The WFWA hopes to have titles soon... There is no taping scheduled for the Garden City Inn...

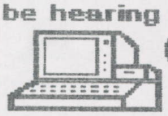
GREAT GAMA, as booker, has turned good and is feuding with former partner DUKE MYERS. He is also teaming with brother AKIM SINGH.... Ladies VELVET MCINTYRE and K.C.HOUSTON recently had a go of it. They add colour to the show... JOE AIELLO is getting much better as host of the show. He appears much more confident... BENKAI SASAKI has turned heel and is probally the best in the area right now talent wise. His partner SUMU HARA has returned to Japan... RANDY THATCHER & RON RITCHIE have formed a tag team called the Canadian Connection... The lightweights continue to light up this promotion. BRAD YOUNG, MIKE LOZANSKI & J.T.STRINGER are not household names yet, but maybe someday. What they need it is a dose of character. Despite what people may say, giving a 'no-name' wrestler a gimmick, like BEETLEJUICE, makes him marketable and more fun to watch... GOLDIE ROGERS is getting a push as the top lightheavyweight... The Silver Dollar Action Centre is letting children under 12 in free to boost attendance... Also at the Silver Dollar, fans are encouraged to write a Fan Fantasy match with wrestlers from any where in the world... BULLDOG BOB BROWN has apparently been fired. This means that KERRY BROWN is gone too... The TV show really needs a character like Brown to play off straightman Joe Aiello. FRANK SISSON is too nice on commentary...

CIWF Not much has been heard from the CIWF. The high salaries given out may be one reason the promotion may be shutting down...

AWA NEWS

DJ PETERSON has returned to the area to chase after newly crowned champ MASA SAITO... NIKITA KOLOFF and LARRY ZBYSZKO are also after Saito for the title... AWA Tag Team Champions, the DESTRUCTION CREW - MEAN MIKE ENOS & WAYNE 'The Train' BLOOM, are currently on loan to the NWA as the WRECKING CREW... BARON VON RASCHKE's team is in the lead in the Team Challenge Series... CURTIS HUGHES is new to the area, and teaming with PAUL DIAMOND & BRAD RHEINGANS to defeat the TEXAS HANGMEN & RUSSAIN BRUTE... SHIEK ADNAN EL-KAISSIE recently pleaded guilty to income tax fraud to the IRS. A sentence is forthcoming... TULLY BLANCHARD worked the most recent TV taping and plans to be a tag partner to Zbyszko... The AWA plans to return to the St.Paul Civic Centre in Minnesota for a show in April with Saito vs Zbyszko headlining. Word is that if they succeed, the AWA will survive. If the show fails, then.....

Big ANGELO MOSCA, a former Canadian champion, has moved into the offices of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the CFL in the marketing and sales department... A correction to last issue - the address for Pro Wrestling Monthly is 568 Speedwell Ave., Morris Plains NJ 07950... I'm looking for any video tapes featuring local wrestler BIG MAC. He was on many of the old NWA and WWF TV tapings from Hamilton. Contact me if you have anything... Speaking of videos, PM FILM & VIDEO of 1905 North Atlantic Blvd., Suite E-5D Ft.Lauderdale FL 33305 U.S.A. has sent me a copy of their Winter 1990 Update. They feature many rare matches from the past, from the late '50's through 1980. Write them for more information... A new newsletter starting up is THE GRAPEVINE. It is intended for fans who want to advertise fan clubs, merchandise, pen pals, and more. First issue is to come out in June. Write to: P.O.Box 12210 Charleston SC 29412 for more info... PAUL ORNDORFF has been wrestling with independents lately, as have other headliners TULLY BLANCHARD & RICKY STEAMBOAT... RICKY SANTANA won the Portland TV title from AL MADRIL... SUPERSTAR BILLY GRAHAM recently appeared on a Los Angeles TV station and Entertainment Tonight showing the effects of steroids on his body. Graham's joints have all apparently disintegrated from steroid use... Also on ET was BRUNO SAMMARTINO. They claimed that 90 percent of wrestlers today use steroids. It is certainly a problem in all sports today, and we will certainly be hearing more on the subject in the very near future...



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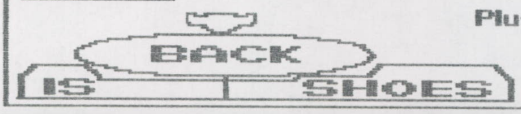


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Since you asked... Back issues are $1.00 each... Most issues are available...

# WRESTLEMANIA 6

SKYDOME

Toronto, Ontario
April 1, 1990.

## FUN RUN

9 am
Saturday,
March 31st.

In what has become a WrestleMania tradtion, the WWF hosted another Fun Run. There was a 5-km race for the hardy, and 1-km race for the kids. An estimated 1,200 people took part, including subscriber Ken Syinide, who walked the race. For their efforts, fans got a WrestleMania tank-top and the good feeling that their registration money ( $10-15 ) was going to the Variety Village Sunshine Pool, a local charity. HILLBILLY JIM ran the kid's race, while TITO SANTANA, BILLY RED LYONS & BUSHWACKERS ran the big one.

## BACK BACON, BAGELS & BICEPS BRUNCH

9 am
Sunday,
April 1st.

A special brunch was held to let corporate sponsors meet the wrestlers, and some fans too. Subscriber Paul Steinberg of Milwaukee was on hand. "LINDA MCMAHON introduced herself to us at our table, asked us where we were from. We had people from Phoenix, Los Angeles, Alabama... She was real impressed that so many fans came from across the country for this." JIM NEIDHART, BRET HART, HACKSAW DUGGAN, KOKO B WARE and HILLBILLY JIM were in attendance.

## FAN GET-TOGETHER

The Four Aces Restaurant at 1169 Queen St.E. was the sight for the first ever Canadian Wrestling Report fan get-together. Those in attendance had a great time - good food, good drink, good times. And let's not forget the really wild wrestling videos!

At 6:05 pm, NWA World Championship Wrestling was on WTBS. It was a good show, providing the quote for the night - Sting to Jim Ross "I'm gonna get mentally prepared physically."

After the two hour show, we popped in some videos. Terry Funk vs Abdullah from Japan, Hogan vs Lawler, Slaughter vs Patterson Boot Camp, Savage & Poffo vs R'n'R Express where Savage piledrives Morton through the table, and so much more. Let's not forget Norm's Roddy Piper impersonation, followed by the classic Piper beer bottle interview.

Plan to be a part of the next one!

## THANKS

I'd like to thank: Ken for setting up the get-together, the staff of the 4 Aces for putting up with us, David for the Beta VCR, Nash for setting it up, Steve & David for tapes, Don & Tim for letting me crash at their place, and the WWF for staging WM6 so close to home.

SkyDome Hotel
Saturday, March 31st.

The VIP Dinner brought out the top star of the WWF, HULK HOGAN. He spoke to the audience of corporate sponsors media and wrestling family. Very few fans were in attendance. Besides Hulk, JIM DUGGAN, JAKE ROBERTS, BRUTUS BEEFCAKE, BOBBY HEENAN & HILLBILLY JIM were there. Family like LARRY 'the Ax' HENNIG, father of MR PERFECT, and WWF agents were also there.

## autographs

Star-gazing was everywhere in Toronto, but no-where was it more apparent than at the SkyDome Hotel. In the lobby, fans gathered to get a glimpse of the stars. While I was there, I saw BAD NEWS BROWN, BIG BOSSMAN, GREG VALETINE, HAKU, JIMMY SNUKA, CURT HENNIG and more. Unfortunately, they were not giving autographs. Sky Dome security kept the crowd well back of the wrestlers.

Really, the only time wrestlers gave autographs was at public functions, like Saturday's autograph session at the Lawrence Mall, which charged fans money - donated to the United Way.

I don't blame them for their indifference. Imagine 60,000 fans after your scribble.

# WRESTLEMANIA 6

# SKYDOME

## Toronto, Ontario
## April 1, 1990.

Herein are the results to the show with commentary, as seen from level 500. At 3:45, HOWARD FINKEL welcome us and make lawful announcements, like no smoking & no throwing stuff. The show started with PAUL ROMA beating the BROOKLYN BRAWLER ( ** ). Roma did some nice flying moves and won with a flying dropkick... The Fink got us to countdown as scream. Deafening? Not quite, but loud. ROBERT GOULET then did not screw up O'Canada, as anticipated... Up first on the 'official' show, RICK MARTEL beat KOKO B WARE with a Boston Crab. ( * )... The wrestlers came to the ring by a moving mini-ring. When wrestlers left, it was usually past the oncoming mini-ring... DEMOLTION beat COLOSSAL CONNECTION to regain the WWF tag team titles. ANDRE never tagged in. He was tied up in the ropes when the pin occured on HAKU. Afterward, BOBBY HEENAN yelled at Andre, and the big guy turned good. Haku gave Andre a kick for good measure. ( 1/2* )... EARTHQUAKE beat HERCULES in a three minute squash. Big John cut his lip during the match. ( 1/2* )... THE GENUIS presented MR PERFECT CURT HENNIG, who lost by pinfall to BRUTUS BEEFCAKE after being slingshotted into the corner ringpost. It was the same move that JERRY LAWLER used to beat him for the AWA title. Rip-off ending ( * ). Genius got his hair cut again... BAD NEWS BROWN went to a double-countout with RODDY PIPER. Roddy probally got the next big reaction after the main eventers. Piper had half his body painted black. ( 1/4* ) for a pretty dead match... HART FOUNDATION beat the BOLSHEVIKS in the best match possible between these teams. Harts stopped anthem, picked up ZUKHOV, Hart attack, pin. Thirty seconds, maybe. ( * )... Our first repeat referee counted as BARBARIAN beat TITO SANTANA. Who cares. Barby has new make-up now that "he's Heenan guided." A fun ending, with Tito getting clobbered, but still only ( 1/2 * )... Up to this point, Roma vs Brawler was the best match... They announced WM7 for Los Angeles Coliseum on March 24, 1991, and gave out priority ticket info... DUSTY RHODES & SAPPHIRE beat RANDY SAVAGE & QUEEN SHERRI in a great match. Dusty took the microphone, and introduced MISS ELIZABETH in his corner. The match had the crowd on the edge of their seats. It was a Savage & Sherri show all the way. Liz pushed Sherri into the ring to lead to the pin. After, Liz, Dusty & Sapphire boogied. ( ** 1/2 ). Fun & entertaining... Intermission for exactly 15 minutes... ORIENT EXPRESS beat the ROCKERS by countout. By far, the best 'wrestling' match. No crowd reaction, though. MARTY JANNETTY had salt thrown in his eyes, and was counted out. ( *3/4 ) A bad ending to good match... HACKSAW DUGGAN beat DINO BRAVO with the help of his 2X4. Duggan came to the ring with the U.S. flag. Boring & dull match. Afterward, EARTHQUAKE destroyed Hacksaw with elbows and the referees made the save. ( DUD )... TED DIBIASE beat JAKE ROBERTS by countout in the most fun match of the night. Two guys behind us got the 67,000 in attendance doing the Wave. DiBiase played it right, yelling for us to sit down. Ending saw a short brawl and VIRGIL putting Ted in before the count. After, DiBiase was DDT'd, Virgil left with the $belt, Jake played the crowd, Virgil ran back to save. ( *1/2 for match plus * for Wave ). DiBiase stayed at ringside for... BIG BOSSMAN beating AKEEM. Ted beat on BBM before the match, helping Akeem to an early advantage. BBM rallied and pinned Akeem with a cool power suplex. ( *1./2 )... A pink cadillac appeared next with JIMMY HART, GREG (PELVIS) VALENTINE, HONYTONK MAN and the HONKYETTES. Fun song, fun acting. BUSHWACKERS were at ringside, but no one recognized them. The 'Wackers then destroyed the set... RICK RUDE beat JIMMY SNUKA in a good match that might have been better had it been longer ( *1/2 )... And now, the main event... On next page, to give it proper justice...

### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

JIMMY HART was in Toronto all week for publicity... Saturday at the Hard Rock Cafe Sky Dome, Hart, GREG VALENTINE & HONKYTONK presented the Club a gold record (500,000 copies sold ) for 'Honka, Honka, Honky Love'... Lots of freebie tickets on local radio - mostly $150 seats. 67,678 'official' attendance.

## CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL

**Hamilton**
**March 4, 1990**

### Victoria Park Community Centre

The latest dose of independent wrestling that I was able to take in was the CIWA, promoted by BOB CLARKE out of Hamilton. To say that the show was fun would be an understatement. Independents are so much fun. The wrestlers have conversations with fans. The fans go wild, yelling and screaming when and what they want to – not the predictable "Hoooooo" of HACKSAW DUGGAN or the cheering for HULK HOGAN. So, therefore I came to the conclusion that the hundred or so people in attendance got the most out of their $7.00 admission fee, and that includes DR.DON and myself.

The show started just a little after 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon with ALEXANDER THE GREAT vs 'Silent' BRIAN MCKNEE. It was a decent opener and fun to watch. Alex has a very good ability to irate the fans, especially those there in support of Silent Brian. Both put out, but it was not super wrestling. The match ended in a draw.

Up next was the VOODOO DOCTOR vs BIG MAC. The Doctor is an impressive physical specimen, probally the most impressive in the crew that night. He came to the ring with a candle going and a bag of flour. He blew flour in each corner of the ring. It was pretty funny to watch, and a good gimmick. Mac is a veteran of the local mat wars, and won fairly handily with a suplex and double leg drop.

CONGO KID beat CHRIS JONES with a rollup in a generally unimpressive match. I think that it would be good to give Jones a gimmick. Maybe he could be the 'Hamilton Wrecking Crew' as he looks a lot like OLE ANDERSON.

CALYPSO JIM then beat SHIEK ALI by DQ when Ali was caught using a foreign object. Alexander the Great was Ali's manager. After the match, Calypso took some young fans into the ring, and they all boogied down.

In the main event, FARMER BILL & COOL CAT JACKSON took on the CORRECTIONAL OFFICER (A BIG BOSSMAN look-a-like) and WAFFEN SS#1 (sometimes known as HERB PELTZ). Midgets FARMER PETE & LITTLE JOHN were part of the action as managers. Due to previous altercations, they were handcuffed together at ringside. Little John looked really good in his outfit as BARON VON BRAUER. The team of Bill & Jackson won the match with a sleeper hold.

And so closed another independent show. But the CIWA was not done...

The KIWANIS BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB hosted the crew on March 16th for another good show. The CIWA returns to the Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club on Ellis St., very close to the Greater Hamilton Centre Mall on April 29th at 2 pm. The show features a chain match between Cool Cat Jackson & Shiek Ali in the main event. Be there!!

### HOGAN vs WARRIOR

The crowd was hot in anticipation of this one... Hulk got the biggest reaction, and sustained it to the end... Pushing led to a test of strength... It was played as a very even match-up... Both were thrown over the top rope at some point... Criss-cross action saw ref EARL HEBNER get knocked out... Lots of close to counts... Hogan kicked out after a Warrior gorilla slam and Hulked out. Thought it was over, but Hulk missed the leg drop and Warrior rolled him up for the pin... Surprise!... Crowd goes nuts... Match went about 25 minutes... Hulk presents title to Warrior and hugs him... Camera shows tears in Hulk's eyes... Warrior celebrates with crowd... Explosions and fireworks everywhere... An awesome sight... Warrior looked exhausted by this point... After event, JACK TUNNEY decrees that the two will not meet again in the immediate future... "This is painful" sums up the quality and execution of wrestling holds...A great match to witness and be a part of, but match rates a DUD...

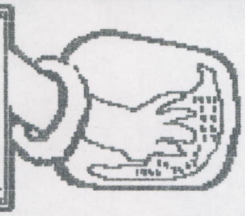
### NOODLERAMA

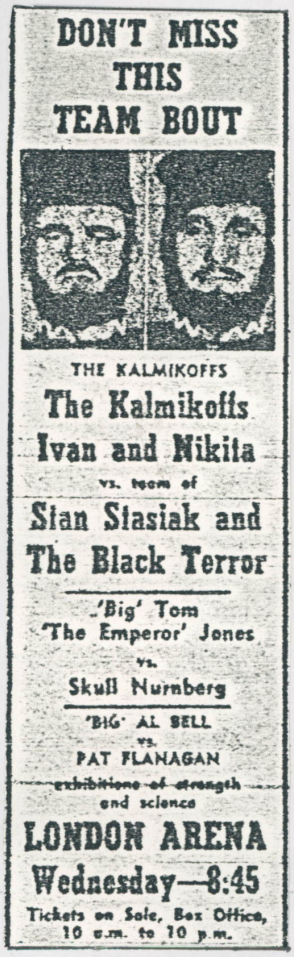
It doesn't sound like it has anything to do with wrestling, but NOODLERAMA did ... well, sort of. Lipton Soup, in conjunction with Rick Davis Promotions and SWEET DADDY SIKI & RON HUTCHINSON's wrestling school brought a mini-show to Front & John streets, across from the SkyDome.

Students were there serving free cups of Liptons Soup, and Dr.Bandoli provided the ongoing entertainment. Inside the wrestling ring, Hutchinson (under a mask) & RICKY JOHNSON demonstrated wrestling moves with two newcomers, billed this day as the SUPER NOODLES. Siki and ANGELO MOSCA explained the moves to the crowd from 12pm to 4pm... The wrestlers dressed for the event inside a Ryder moving truck... It was fun to watch, and everyone was in a good mood... Many fans dropped by before going in to WM6... Good publicity for Liptons & Siki & Hutchinson's wrestling school...

# A JAR FULL OF MEMORIES

With Terry Dart






LONDON ARENA MARCH 1961

The main event saw a battle of villains, as STAN STASIAK & THE BLACK TERROR took on IVAN & NIKITA KALMIKOFF. After being hated for years, the Kalmikoffs finally heard cheers from the crowd of only 450. In the first fall, Stasiak started out with his usual vicious tactics: stomping, eye gouging and rubbing his bandaged knee across Nikita's face. The Terror then came in and headbutted poor Nikita with a foreign object in his mask, cutting Nikita's head. When referee TIGER TASKER had his back turned, Ivan hit The Terror with a steel chair. The Terror quickly tagged off to Stasiak who ran into more trouble from the upset Russain. Soon Stasiak had blood pouring from his head after being rammed into a metal post. After three knee drops, Ivan made Stasiak submit to his reverse hangman hold, thus winning the first fall in 18 minutes. The second fall started with both teams fighting amongst the fans. Stasiak rammed Ivan into the wooden edge of the ring while Nikita and the Terror ran out the door to fight on the sidewalk infront of the arena. Back in the ring, Stasiak made Ivan say uncle, aunt & cousin charlie with a backbreaker to take the fall at 9:34. The Black Terror started the third fall by hitting Nikita with a brick from outside the arena. Then he puts the lights out on Nikita with a sleeper at 5:52 to win the third and deciding fall.

The semi-final was a knockdown, drag out affair as TOM 'The Emperor' JONES won a two-out-of-three falls match over nasty bald headed SKULL NURNBERG. Jones took the 1st & 2nd falls with identical twin backbreakers. He took 11:52 the first time and 13:57 the second to score a major upset over a tough foe.

In the opener, PAT FLANAGAN got the referee's nod when heel BIG AL BELL was disqualified after 14:50 for refusing to stop kneeing Flanagan, who was hung upside down in the corner. Referee Tasker ordered the bell after Big Al kneed Flanagan in the gut at least twenty times.

NOTES: This night's small crowd of 450 was attributed to a week of warm weather... The winner of the main event got a match with former World Heavyweight Boxing champion PRIMO CARNERA and TONY MARINO... IVAN & NIKITA KALMIKOFF beat such teams as WHIPPER WATSON & FARMER BOY TOWNSEND, Farmer Boy & TONY BAILLERGEON, and Watson & MARTIN HUTZLER. Their favorite holds were the reverse hangman hold and a kneedrop off the top rope. Nikita now lives in Tillsonburg, Ontario and is retired, but makes leather belts as a hobby. He often took the place of the late KAROL KALMIKOFF beside Ivan. Nikita also wrestled as NIKITA MULKOVICH and managed the two masked Russains in the WWF. Ivan works at the Detroit Zoo and once managed the MIGHTY IGOR... STAN STASIAK was a real roughneck and used the atomic drop in the early years. In later years, he became known for his heartpunch, with which he won the WWF World title from PEDRO MORALES. Stasiak even had a brief stint as a fan favorite to feud with THE SHIEK (ED FARHAT) in Detroit & Toronto... THE BLACK TERROR was a tough veteran that had neither speed nor ability, but somehow ran up wins over GORGEOUS GEORGE, HERCULES ROMERO and JOHN DA SILVA until he met Whipper Watson. In a bout from this feud, The Terror lost his mask with LORD ATHOL LAYTON as special referee. He turned out to be an old meanie named LAVERNE BAXTER... BIG TOM JONES, or 'The Emperor', was a big man at 6'9" and played football for the Ottawa Rough Riders. Jones never made it big in wrestling. Tom was a nice man outside the ring and gave away autographed photos of himself. I was lucky enough to get one myself. Jones died in his thirty's of a heart attack... SKULL NURENBURG was a real brawler. He looked and acted like SKULL MURPHY, who used to sell out Madison Square Gardens... BIG AL BELL was a real villain who usually attacked his opponent before the bell. It was sure a real pleasure to meet up again with Big Al and MIKE KELLY at the CIWA show in Hamilton in March. It was an honour for me when Al & Mike posed together for a photo... PAT FLANAGAN later went on to referee in the 60's & 70's for late Toronto promoter FRANK TUNNEY...

Take care and Happy Easter....

Terry.

CANADIAN
# the wrestling report

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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Ultimate Warrior
WWF Tag – Demolition
I-C – Title Vacant
NWA – Ric Flair
NWA Tag – Scott & Rick Steiner
NWA TV – Arn Anderson
U.S. – Lex Luger
U.S. Tag – Tom Zenk & Brian Pillman
AWA – Larry Zbyszko
AWA Tag – Detruction Crew
USWA – Jerry Lawler
USWA Tag – Rex King & Steve Doll
Southern – Bill Dundee
CIWA – Shiek Ali
CIWA Tag – Farmer Bill & Silent Brian

## EDITORIAL

For the month of MAY 1990

**The Fall of the Great Ones**

I am just a little tired of the great wrestlers who are forced to portray silly characters. The latest is MIKE ROTUNDO, now dubbed 'THE CAPTAIN' in a sailor's outfit. Don't promotions realize that having legitimate wrestlers on the circuit adds credibility to the show? THE VARSITY CLUB was the perfect act for Rotundo, RICK STEINER, and STEVE WILLIAMS. You didn't want to mess with them inside the ring. You cringed for their opponents each time they suffered through another painfull move. Now Rotundo is a sailor, backed up by an 'escapee' from the State Mental Hospital and an over-the-hill, overweight madman from Sudan.

This same destruction of legitimacy occured to TERRY TAYLOR, who was for a while the RED ROOSTER. Luckily, he is out of the WWF now. It was painful watching Taylor in the ring as the Rooster, having seen him perform as a superstar in the UWF.

And BARRY WINDHAM is no longer the WIDOWMAKER, thank God. Hopefully he'll return to the world title conteder spot that he was in before leaving the NWA for the WWF.

So the next time you watch a wrestler try to remember how great they were.

## LARRY ZBYSZKO

**AWA WORLD CHAMPION**

After losing the AWA World title on February 10th in Toyko, Japan, LARRY ZBYSZKO never shut up, and more importantly, never gave up. He let everyone know that he was going to regain 'his' title and true to his word, Zbyszko regained the title on April 8th at the St.Paul Civic Centre in Minnesota. Saito's reign lasted less than two months.

The title match, a part of SuperClash IV, went a little over 16 minutes and had former champion NICK BOCKWINKEL as special referee. The end came when both shoulders were down and Zbyszko lifted his before the fateful third count.

Zbyszko's second title reign will see him face the challenge of NIKITA KOLOFF.

## NWA TO RETURN TO CANADA!!

**(NOVA SCOTIA, EH!)**

It has been a long time since the NWA was officially in Canada. The last Canadian NWA shows were September 30, 1988 in Winnipeg and October 1, 1988 in Brandon Manitoba. But May 1990 will see the NWA move north of the border and into Nova Scotia for a few shows.

May 8, 1990, Halifax Forum: Ric Flair vs Lex Luger, Norman vs Kevin Sullivan, Road Warriors vs Midnight Express, Bam Bam Bigelow vs Abdullah the Butcher...

It means much more than just NWA stars coming to town. The shows might be able to provide work for local wrestlers on the undercard. The NWA is not like the WWF, and does give locals a chance to perform, should there be an injury or a no-show.

This could be one step towards a bigger NWA presence in Canada.

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## Rasslin' Results

**CIWA HAMILTON**
**April 29, 1990 Kiwanis**

In the main event, SHIEK ALI beat COOL CAT JACKSON by DQ in a chain match. CCJ would not stop choking Ali, causing the DQ. Shiek Ali was busted open. Afterwards, Ali & his manager ALEXANDER THE GREAT beat on Jackson... SILENT BRIAN MACKNEY & FARMER BILL kept their CIWA tag titles by defeating the WAFFEN S.S. in a double countout. They battled outside for most of this one. After the match, one Waffen went into the dressing room & took his mask off while the other was being beaten up by Bill & Brian... During intermission, promoter BOB CLARK acted as the PROFESSOR to interview Shiek Ali & his manager for Cable 14 TV in Hamilton... ALEXANDER THE GREAT beat LIL' ABNER with a small package. During the match, a fan took a photo of Alex up close, and the Great One freaked out... BIG MAC beat VOODOO DOCTOR with a painful looking tilt-a-whirl slam. The crowd was up for this one, with the front row full of really vocal youngsters... In the opener, THE CORRECTIONAL OFFICER with manager THE WARDEN (BIG AL BELL) beat CONGO KID. After, the C.O. went to use handcuffs, but Big Mac made the save with a chair...

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## Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

**April 28, 1990 Austin, Texas**

The results of WrestleMania were apparent on the first SNME after the show. And the result was that nothing much has changed. HULK HOGAN still leads off the show, but the belt is now with the ULTIMATE WARRIOR. From the atmosphere and commentary on the show, I don't think that anyone could mistake Hogan for anything but their number one star.

Results saw: HULK HOGAN pin CURT 'MR PERFECT' HENNIG in a match that spot- lighted Hennig's great bumps... Hogan's next foe around the WWF, EARTHQUAKE squashed HILLBILLY JIM and the challenge was made. Feud background - Big John claims that his match with Hulk caused him to lose at WM6... ROCKERS vs HART FOUNDATION ended in double disqualification when DEMOLITION came into the ring. It looks like there will be a good three-way feud in the near future for the tag titles... ULTIMATE WARRIOR retained the WWF World title by beating HAKU. This is likely to be the typical Warrior match... BIG BOSSMAN was about to beat AKEEM when TED DIBIASE & VIRGIL interfered causing a disqualification...

Overall, a pretty good show that put forward the upcoming feuds and match- ups... It was a nice touch having JESSE VENTURA & VINCE MCMAHON come in on white and black horses... The RICK MARTEL Arrogance pieces have to go, though. It just seems a little late to try and get his character over to the fans... Next SNME is on July 28th...

## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

MAY 3 WWF CORNWALL
MAY 12 NWA DETROIT
MAY 13 CIWA HAMILTON
Lincoln Alexander Community Centre
109 Smith Ave., Hamilton
MAY 16 WWF SUDBURY
MAY 19 NWA PPV Capital Combat
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MAY 27 WWF TORONTO

## NWA PRO WRESTLING

Captial Combat is fast approaching: May 19th. The main event will be a cage match between RIC FLAIR and LEX LUGER, likely with a guest referee. STING may be in the challenger's corner with his new buddy, ROBOCOP. It is an attempt at a merger with movies by the NWA. I like the idea, but we'll see how it works out... Other matches may change but... STEINERS vs DOOM, MIDNIGHT EXPRESS vs ZENK & PILLMAN, NORMAN & ROAD WARRIORS vs SULLIVAN, CACTUS JACK & BIGELOW, TEDDY LONG vs PAUL ELLERING, FREEBIRDS vs R&R EXPRESS are likely features... TERRY FUNK has quit, as has his co-host CHRIS CRUISE... BARRY WINDHAM has been re-hired by the NWA. Expect him to return to the FOUR HORSEMEN... BAM BAM BIGELOW will work the NWA with manager SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINK between Japan tours as a part of Sullivan's Slaughterhouse... MEAN MARK CALLAS has been looking good, and uses the heart punch as a finisher... MARK & CHRIS YOUNGBLOOD are a promising new tag team in the area. I hope they stay... Ric Flair signing a contract extension, so he is not going to the WWF... EDDIE GILBERT is feuding with SAMU... NWA will be creating a new international show for Europe... They also have a new show on Chicago superstation WGN... OWEN HART will likely start up in the fall... WRECKING CREW have returned to the AWA. In return for the favour, Ric Flair will face Brian Pillman at the next AWA St.Paul show... JOEL DEATON is feuding with TOMMY RICH... TONY SCHIAVONE has returned to the NWA airwaves...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

The big WWF / New Japan / All Japan show in Tokyo on April 13th drew a crowd of 53,742 to see a historic card. It is likely the last time the two big Japanese promotions with the WWF. Results saw: HULK HOGAN pin STAN HANSEN after using a lariat. Hulk showed that he could still wrestle and both grapplers bled... GIANT BABA & ANDRE THE GIANT beat DEMOLITION when Andre pinned SMASH... ULTIMATE WARRIOR beat TED DIBIASE to retain the WWF World title... GENICHIRO TENRYU beat RANDY SAVAGE... JUMBO TSURUTA & HAKU beat CURT HENNIG & RICK MARTEL when Tsuruta pinned Martel... JAKE ROBERTS beat BIG BOSSMAN with a DDT... GREAT KABUKI beat GREG VALENTINE... MASA SAITO & SHINYA HASHIMOTO beat RIKI CHOSHU & MASA CHONO when Saito pinned Chono... TIGER MASK drew with BRET HART... JIMMY SNUKA & TITO SANTANA beat MASA FUCHI & KENTA KOBASHI... JUSHIN RIGER beat AKIRA NOGAMI... DAN KROFFAT, DOUG FURNAS & JOE MALENKO beat FOOT LOOSE & TATSUMI KITAHARA (SUMO HARA)... The big upset was Hulk beating Hansen, who is a legend in Japan... The WWF taped much of the show, so expect a video of WWF matches... In other news... The HOGAN vs WARRIOR from WrestleMania was a much better match on video than live. Commentators VENTURA & MONSOON can pull you through the slow spots... WM6 did not do as well as expected on Pay Per View. It bombed just about everywhere on closed circuit. But it made about $4 million Cdn in ticket sales... ANDRE THE GIANT will work Japan for a while, and likely return for a farewell... PAUL DIAMOND is in, though his role has not been determined... Hogan is not off to do a movie, but instead will feud with EARTHQUAKE... Toronto WWF referee JOHN BONELLO was recently charged with trying to hire a hit man to kill his wife...

## trivia

The answer to the March 1990 contest: It was BUDDY ROSE under a mask as the EXECUTIONER against TITO SANTANA at WrestleMania 1. This month: Name the town in the province of Quebec that has a sign 'Home of the Rougeaus'... One free month for correct answers...

## WEST FOUR WRESTLING ALLIANCE

WFWA TV tapings have moved out of Club Taboo and into the Saints (Fort Garry) Roller Rink. They tape one 30-minute show every Monday and charge $8.00 to get in... BULLDOG BOB BROWN is running wild here. He recently threw powder into the eyes of MIGHTY MOE to start a feud. Bulldog then claimed that the fans threw the powder... MIKE STONE returned to the area and spurned former manager GOLDEN SHIEK. They met in a grudge match that Stone won by DQ when THE PYSCHO returned... JOE AIELLO & TONY CONDELLO continue to do commentary... CHI CHI CRUZ has been battling BRIAN JULE... June 19th has a show at the Rousseau River Indian Reserve in Manitoba... In WWF Winnipeg news: Only 152 tickets were sold for WM6 closed circuit before it was cancelled...

Inside the city limits of Calgary, we have the CNWA. Expect much of their talent to work both groups, or just Stampede. To the best of my knowledge, they have yet to even attempt promoting outside of Calgary... BULLDOG BOB BROWN is back and up to no good. The skit where JOE AIELLO caught Bulldog trying to sneak out the back door was very funny. Bulldog is feuding with RON RITCHIE... JT STRINGER continues to be the best reason to watch this show. He is really fun to watch in a strange type of way. He is not great in the ring, or on interviews, but he is just watchable. Maybe it is because he seems so out of place. He is now calling himself JT BROOTH... Another favorite of mine, DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS, is new to the area. He has been destroying jobbers with continuous piledrivers. Unfortunately, he is held back by flower-throwing manager DESIREE PETERSON... THE CANADIAN GIANT is new to the area. He is billed as 7'4", 420 lbs., but let's get serious... GOLDIE ROGERS had taken to wearing a forearm protector like partner DUKE MYERS... AKIM & GAMA SINGH appear headed to a feud with Timothy Flowers...

Outside the city limits at the Sarcee Seven Chiefs Sportsplex, BRUCE HART has brought back Stampede wrestling. The return on April 5th had Bruce Hart, a new JASON THE TERRIBLE, ANGEL OF DEATH, LEN CRAZY HORSE, KIM SCHAU, BIFF WELLINGTON, JERRY MORROW and more... Bruce Hart is "investigating the possibility of Stampede wrestling returning to television."... The connections and loyalties that the Hart brothers have built up over the years will likely help them in their attempts to rebuild the promotion. For the first little while, expect locals to figure prominently until they get back on their feet again... Local stars CHRIS BENOIT, DYNAMITE KID, JOHNNY SMITH, DAVEY BOY SMITH & OWEN HART will likely participate inbetween their various wrestling tours around the world. Owen Hart debuted in Mexico recently while Dynamite Kid is putting together a tour Bermuda. Benoit has been doing very well as the PEGASUS KID in Japan...

## AWA NEWS

LARRY ZBYSZKO regained the AWA title from MASA SAITO... The next big AWA show, Twin Wars '90, has Zbyszko vs NIKITA KOLOFF and RIC FLAIR vs BRIAN PILLMAN, along with DESTRUCTION CREW & TULLY BLANCHARD vs KOKINA, TROOPER & BOB LURTSEMA... At the same show that Zbyszko regained the title... Blanchard beat TOMMY JAMMER with help from his new manager CHRIS LOVE... PAUL DIAMOND & THE TROOPER beat DESTRUCTION CREW in a non-title cage match. Blanchard served as the Crew's manager. It was Diamond's last AWA match for a while, as he is off to the WWF... BARON VON RASCHKE beat COLONEL DEBEERS by countout... TEXAS HANGMEN beat DJ PETERSON & BRAD RHEIGHANS... YUKON JOHN NORD beat Kokina Maximus... JAKE MILLIMAN beat TODD BECKER... About 2,000 were on hand, showing that the AWA is not totally dead quite yet...

## USWA

JERRY LAWLER has been defending the USWA title against MIKE AWESOME, KERRY VON ERICH, JIMMY VALIANT and CHRIS CHAMPION. He is also throwing fire again, and recently hit referee JERRY CALHOUN... The CWA title is now the Southern title... JEFF GAYLORD has started a feud with JEFF JARRETT... The DIRTY WHITE BOYS attacked Chris Champion with help from manager RONNIE GOSSETT. It looks like DIRTY WHITE GIRL may be splitting away from the DWB... NATE THE RAT recently challenges Gossett... JOHN TATUM & valet TESSA were feuding with CHRIS ADAMS & wife TONI, but now appears headed to a feud with BILL DUNDEE after Dundee kissed Tessa... Kerry Von Erich continues to battle BILLY JOE TRAVIS over the Texas title... After a recent match, Lawler pile- drove Jimmy Valiant out of the area. Valiant is headed for Puerto Rico and will certainly be back. He always draws fans in Memphis over the short-term... ICEMAN PARSONS is back teaming with BRICKHOUSE BROWN... The Dirty White Boys are feuding with CWA tag champs, the SOUTHERN ROCKERS... ROBERT FULLER & BRIAN LEE are gone from the area... Dundee has been defending the Southern title against SWEET DADDY FALCONE, CHRIS YOUNGBLOOD and SHIEK BRADDOCK...

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# Re-evaluating the Situation

Let's talk. The Canadian Wrestling Report is fast approaching the five year mark. I think that the Report has grown tremendously in content and quality, but that does not mean that it will live forever. As many of you know, things will be a'happening for me in the near future. Come September, I will likely be off to Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto to study Journalism. Therefore, I have no idea whether or not I will have enough time to put together this wrestling bulletin. So, the future is very questionable. I do not know whether I want to keep doing it either. I think that I'll always be a wrestling fan - despite what Mom might think of it.

So here's the story. We will publish for sure up until August 1990 - our fifth anniversary. After that, things are up in the air. There has been interest by a few readers to keep it going. If someone else could do the bulk of the work on their computer, I would certainly be willing to 'pass on the name' for a while. Any takers? What other ideas do you have?

Should I decide to keep doing the Report while in Toronto, costs will have to go up. I will not have access to the supplies and photocopying that I do here. Would you be willing to pay $10 for six issues? More? I would have to take a lot more phone calls than I make, as university dudes usually aren't rich.

Anyway, while on the subject of questionable future - TERRY DART of the Jar Full of Memories has announced plans to discontinue his column for health reasons. He would appreciate any letters of encouragement, suggestions, or just letters on what you remember about wrestling in the 60's & 70's. His address is 905 'A' Queens Ave., London, Ontario N5W 3H9. Tell him I sent you.

Sorry to fill up so much space with non-wrestling stuff, but it had to go in sometime. I would appreciate letters on this subject, hopefully crammed with ideas, suggestions and people willing to take up the slack.

Yours in wrestling,

Greg

# Talking with the Champ: SHIEK ALI

**With manager Alexander the Great**

Shiek Ali has been around the wrestling game now for 25 years. He is currently the CIWA champ, having beaten COOL CAT JACKSON in a tournament. He has battled the likes of Sammartino, Schmidt, Carpentier, Martinez, Cholok, Stasiak, Tanaka and of course Cowboy Frankie Lane of London.

For his chain match, he admitted that it is a "tough match. The chain limits moves."

On fans - "I don't care. Fans never make me money. I don't wrestle fans. I wrestle Cool Cat Jackson."

Alexander the Great took Shiek Ali on as a wrestler because "he's a proven winner and he has a winner as a manager."

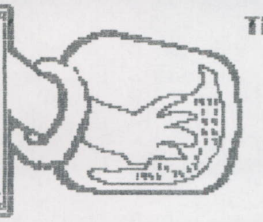
Shiek Ali admits Alexander is "very good" as a manager. "He gets me lots of matches. No complaints."

## OTHER NEWS

DON MURACO finished another tour of New Zealand with great success. Newspapers were headlined with the homecoming of the BUSHWACKERS. During the tour, the 'Wackers beat the BOLSHEVIKS, DON MURACO beat HAKU by DQ, JIM POWERS beat ABBUDA DEIN, NORMAN SMILEY beat BOB ORTON JR by countout, TOM MAGEE beat ROYAL VIKING and more... LARRY CAMERON has returned to Minnesota to wrestle with the PWA... Former NWA booker GEORGE SCOTT is starting a promotion in the Carolinas... The Pacific Northwest title was held up between SCOTTY THE BODY and CURTIS THOMPSON... GAG is offering a special issue for the general public, called GROOVY GAG SPECIAL THING #1. It is $1.50 or $2 overseas from JEFF ZINGER, 541 Devonshire Ave., Woodstock, ONT N4S 5P9. GAG is a wildly offensive piece of pseudo-wrestling litterature meant for mature minds only...

# A JAR FULL OF MEMORIES

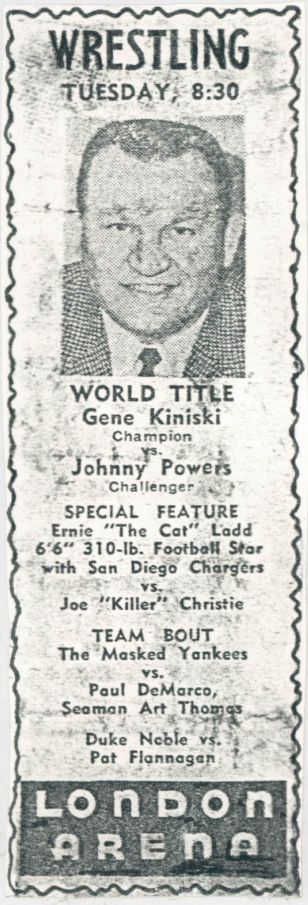
With Terry Dart



The final 'Jar Full of Memories'. Details on reverse.

**FEBRUARY 23, 1966 LONDON ARENA**

In a true mat classic, GENE KINIKSI made a rare defence of his World title in London against challenger JOHNNY POWERS. The first fall was a wild one as both men fought tooth and nail both in and out of the ring. Powers took advantage first as he hammered Kiniski with a series of vicious punches to his stomach. Powers also used his wicked brainbuster elbow drop to Kiniski's neck. Johnny then applied a solid headlock to slow down the torrid pace. At the 15 minute mark Kiniski came roaring back in his usual nasty manner, using kneedrops to Powers' stomach. After a series of karate chops to the throat, Kiniski pitched Powers over the top rope. As Powers came over, his foot hit me while I was taking pictures at ringside, knocking me into front row ringside. Oh the joys of being a ringside photographer when there was no barrier! Anyway, back to the match. As Powers was getting up, Kiniski wacked him with a chair. That fired up Powers, who nailed Gene with 3 beautiful flying dropkicks and scored the pin with a piledriver at the 40 minute mark. However referee TIGER TASKER disallowed the fall because it was made with an illegal piledriver. The second fall was wild, as both men tried to use their favorite finishing hold. Kiniski used his backbreaker across the knee, Powers with his Powerlock – a version of the figure-four-leg lock. Power had his hold on Kiniski as the one hour match came to an end. The match was ruled a draw, but in my opinion, since Powers' won the first fall, he should have been the new World champion!




In Other Bouts... THE MASKED YANKEES came out on top in a one fall 45 minute semi-final with a win over 'SEAMAN' ART THOMAS & PAUL DEMARCO. One of the Yanks scored the pinfall over DeMarco with a backbreaker... In a special feature, football star ERNIE 'Big Cat' LADD pinned villain JOE KILLER CHRISTIE at 6:08 of a one fall, 20 minute match... In the opener, PAT FLANAGAN pinned DUKE NOBLE with a boston crab at 12:40...

NOTES: Canadian GENE KINISKI won the world title Jan 7, 1966 from LOU THESZ and never ducked any challenges. He took on mat greats like WHIPPER WATSON, BULLDOG BROWER, EDOUARD CARPENTIER, FRITZ VON ERICH, DICK THE BRUISER and more. Today, Kiniski lives near Vancouver and runs a bar. He also is featured in an upcoming movie... JOHNNY POWERS started his career in the WWF as a blond haired villain under the guidance of BUDDY ROGERS' former manager BOBBY DAVIS. MARTINO ANGELO, manager of the BEAST, took over Powers' contract in Ontario & Michigan. His matches against THE SHIEK, BRUNO SAMMARTINO & JOHNNY VALENTINE were classics. After turning babyface and letting his hair go back to black, he had a feud with ANTONIO INOKI in Japan. The last time I saw Powers was against KURT VON HESS in 1982 at a Wildman show in Toronto. Powers won handily with his powerlock. I heard he is now in real estate in Toronto... THE MASKED YANKEES, both 6'9" tall, wrestled a lot like today's team of DEMOLITION. At the climax of a long feud with WHIPPER WATSON & BULLDOG BROWER, the Yankees were unmasked as BIG MOOSE EVANS and BIG BOB STANLEY... PAUL DEMARCO was a young, arrogant scientific wrestler. One time DeMarco put up posters of himself claimed to be the NWA champion. This was to lure then-champ DORY FUNK JR into a match in Atlanta. The last time I saw DeMarco was as YURI GORDYENKO in the AWA... ERNIE LADD, 6'8" 310 lbs., played football in the NFL for the San Diego Chargers. Ladd was scientific in his early career, battling Kinisi and LOU THESZ for their World titles. Ladd turned heel and teamed with BARON VON RASCHKE with manager BOBBY HEENAN to hold a version of the World tag titles. In Detroit, Ladd had a long feud with favorite BOBO BRAZIL. Today, Ladd works for the United States government... KILLER CHRISTIE was a villain his whole career. He wrestled as the DESTROYER in 1963, running roughshod over competition with his knockout punch and his famous foreign object – a piece of steel. In 1965, he was the MASKED MARVEL in Detroit. Joe was always friendly, and would tell me of his life as a wrestler. He is now retired, living in Brantford, Ontario... Take care.... Terry...

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## Championship Lookout

**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Ultimate Warrior
WWF Tag – Demolition
I–C – Mr Perfect Curt Hennig
NWA – Ric Flair
NWA Tag – Doom – Simmons & Reed
NWA TV – Arn Anderson
U.S. – Lex Luger
U.S. Tag – Midnight Express
AWA – Larry Zbyszko
AWA Tag – Detruction Crew
USWA – Jerry Lawler
USWA Tag – Uptown Posse
Southern – Bill Dundee
CIWA – Shiek Ali
PCCW – Rocky Dellaserra

## EDITORIAL

For the month of JUNE 1990.

**THE DECISION MADE**

The Canadian Wrestling Report will cease publication. The decision has been made. It will end with the anniversary August issue. Please do not renew past August.

The decision is my own. It is simply time to bow out. We've been working five years to bring the NWA to town. They're back. We've worked to build up a cross–Canada subscription base. We've done that. Sure the Report could grow more, but so could I.

One of the biggest factors in the decision is the realization that there is more to publish than wrestling. I strongly recommend sending $3 U.S. for FACTSHEET FIVE at 6 Arizona Ave., Rensselaer, N.Y. 12144–4502 to find out more. It is time for my interests to move on.

I sure hope that you're all with me on this decision. A few of you have expressed interest in keeping it going in some form or another. It is time to take the plunge.

As for me, I think that I'll always be a wrestling fan – watching tv wrestling, going to live shows and subscribing to bulletins. It is the least that I can do for a sport that has been so good to me over the past five years.

Thanks for being with the Cdn WR!

**MR. PERFECT**

## CURT HENNIG

**WWF I–C CHAMPION**

Though most saw the victory in late May, Perfect actually won the I–C title tournament on April 23rd – the day before the I–C title tourney semi–finals. He beat TITO SANTANA in the finals. During the course of the tournament, Hennig also managed to obtain 'the perfect' manager, BOBBY HEENAN. Perfect will be defending his title against the likes of BRUTUS BEEFCAKE and HACKSAW JIM DUGGAN.

**DOOM**
**RON SIMMONS**
**BUTCH REED**
**NWA WORLD TAG CHAMPIONS**

In a mild surprise, DOOM defeated SCOTT & RICK STEINER at Captial Combat to win the NWA World belts. It is the biggest title either man has ever held.

## NWA TO RETURN TO TORONTO!!

Blockbuster announcement or what! First Halifax, Nova Scotia and now the biggest city in Canada. Yes, the big T.O.

Promoter AL ZINCK is bringing the NWA to town. Tickets have been on sale since June 1st at Ticketmaster (416) 872 – 1111. Get your tickets fast – the Coliseum only holds about 8,000 fans!

The NWA is also venturing into Niagara Falls on June 26th and Brantford, Ontario on June 28th AND THEN plans are in the works to go across Canada.

Localized promos on the CFTO–TV Toronto NWA shows should help boost sales. JIM CORNETTE has been hilarious complaining about having to come to Canada.

Toronto card: Flair vs Luger, JYD vs Arn Anderson, Doom vs Steiners, Midnight Express vs Southern Boys, Mean Mark vs Pillman, Johnny Ace vs Bigelow and more.

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## Rasslin' Results

**WWF MONTREAL FORUM**
**MAY 4, 1990**

ULTIMATE WARRIOR beat CURT HENNIG... AL PEREZ beat MARK YOUNG with a belly-to-back suplex... BUSHWACKERS were DQ'd against RHYTHM n' BLUES. There was a funny part after the match where a fan threw a wig into the ring. LUKE picked it up and put on a show... BIG BOSSMAN beat TED DIBIASE with a small package in the best match of the night... In a match billed as "the match of the truth" ( le match de la verite ), RON GARVIN went to a time limit draw with DINO BRAVO. 25% of the fans were on Bravo's side.... RICHARD CHARLAND beat BLACK BART wih a small package... WARLORD beat TITO SANTANA... KOKO B WARE beat BROOKLYN BRAWLER with a flying dropkick.... Report by Francois Lalonde...

**WWF WINNIPEG ARENA MAY 19, 1990**

DUSTY RHODES beat RANDY SAVAGE with a purse... QUEEN SHERRI beat SAPPHIRE... RHYTHM & BLUES sang and then lost to the BUSHWACKERS... JAKE ROBERTS beat BAD NEWS BROWN with the DDT... BARBARIAN beat JIMMY SNUKA with the use of the ropes... JIM POWERS beat PEZ WHATLEY... HILLBILLY JIM beat BROOKLYN BRAWLER... Report by Beau Hajavitch & Winnipeg Free Press...

**WWF TORONTO MAY 27, 1990**

ULTIMATE WARRIOR beat RICK RUDE by pinfall in the summer rerun match. Rude shows a lot of improvement while the Warrior...did try, believe me... BAD NEWS BROWN lost to JAKE ROBERTS... SHANE DOUGLAS beat BOB BRADLEY with that slingshot reverse suplex move... BROOKLYN BRAWLER beat some green guy named ROY... BUSHWACKERS beat RHYTHM & BLUES by DQ... BIG BOSSMAN beat TED DIBIASE. Lots of brawling outside the ring... CURT HENNIG beat HERCULES to retain the I-C title... RICK MARTEL beat RONNIE GARVIN... TUGBOAT THOMAS beat PEZ WHATLEY... HAKU beat RICHARD CHARLAND in a short, hard match... Report by Norm McEvoy

## UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

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| JUNE 17 | WWF KITCHENER | 1 pm |
| (ticket gets you into Central Ontario Ex) | | |
| JUNE 17 | WWF TORONTO | 7:30 pm |
| JUNE 22 | WWF OTTAWA | |
| JUNE 24 | WWF LONDON | |
| JUNE 26 | NWA NIAGARA FALLS | |
| JUNE 27 | NWA TORONTO | |
| JUNE 28 | NWA BRANTFORD | |
| JUNE 29 | NWA DETROIT | |

## NWA HALIFAX May 8th

The NWA returned to Canada in less than triumphant fashion, as reported by Rodney Leighton... Halifax Metro Centre... Attendance 1500-1800... They advertised this card a dozen or more times... They started things off with promoter AL ZINCK announcing that LEX LUGER had been taken to the hospital with a temperature of 104... First match: MIKE ROTUNDO over BRUCE DORTAN, announced as being from Halifax. The guy tried, as did Mike. Not bad for an opener, I guess. *1/2... BAM BAM BIGELOW over some greener than grass kid announced from Dartmouth named JOEY HOGAN. HUPERDINK tried to get heat. Bigelow played with the guy, who was obviously scared. He finally beat him with a diving head butt which missed by 8 inches. -****... NORMAN & MIKE ROTUNDO beat DUTCH MANTELL & KEVIN SULLIVAN. Fair amount of comedy and some ploys to get heat, including a shove fest between Dutch & Kevin. Biggest cheer of the night was when Dutch announced he was never coming back. Norman sat on Dutch for the pin. **... ROAD WARRIOR ANIMAL over BOBBY EATON. Very little action - best action of the entire night was CORNETTE and ref SPARKY ANDERSON squaring off and Sparky doing a leap frog over Eaton. Lots of comedy. *1/2... ROAD WARRIOR HAWK over RIC FLAIR by DQ. Hawk worked some. The so-called best wrestler in the world, during a 12-minute match, went to his opponent's eyes 4 times, his crotch once and then tried to use a roll of paper WOMAN had in her bodice. Hawk blocked it and ref NICK PATRICK dq'd Flair. He and Woman left to the jeers of the crowd. *1/4... As we left, down from the bleachers came the wail "we've been screwed." That says it all... Best workers of the night in order: ref Sparky Anderson, announcer GARY CAPETTA, manager Cornette, Rotundo & Dortan. Pretty sad, huh?... No mention at all of where ABDULLAH, STAN LANE, EDDIE GILBERT or JOEL DEATON might be... I do not understand why they would spend money on advertising, have TONY SCHIAVONE promote the tour on TV and then bring only half the people the advertised. The card they did put on was, in a word, pathetic. The kid sitting next to me stated "the WWF is better" and, God help me, I was forced to agree with him...

The tour also went to Fredericton and Saint John, New Brunswick. The show in Saint John was cancelled due to an ammonia leak...

THE CANADIAN GIANT has taken this region hostage. He seems to have the number of every heel in the area. The Giant claims to be after newcomer CHI CHI CRUZ, as Cruz supposedly put the Giant out of wrestling four years ago... Cruz is a new ally to BULLDOG BOB BROWN... PHIL WATSON, son of the late WHIPPER BILLY WATSON, appeared on a recent show with his Half Pint Midget Basketball team, which tours Canada raising money for charity... AKIM SINGH is feuding with DUKE MYERS & GOLDIE ROGERS... Midgets LITTLE HOT STUFF and HURRICANE KID have been battling each other in a series of matches... DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS is feuding with MIKE LOZANSKI. The two have put on pretty good matches on TV, but the matches have just been too short... Don't expect JOE AIELLO back on the show...
Calgary wrestlers abroad: GAMA SINGH, DAVEY BOY SMITH & JOHNNY SMITH recently competed in South Africa... OWEN HART is currently in West Germany working for OTTO WANZ... KERRY BROWN is in Puerto Rico as RICK VALENTINE... Also in Puerto Rico are EDDIE WATTS, LEO BURKE, and CUBAN ASSASSIN & JERRY MORROW as the MERCENARIES... GARY ALBRIGHT has been wrestling independents, and recently was on an NWA TV taping... RIP ROGERS has shown up on various NWA TV tapings... THE SENSATIONAL INTELLIGENT DESTROYER (DICK BEYER) will soon be turning 60... RICKY RICE has a pro boxing record of 1-1...

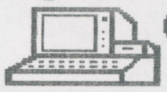
STAMPEDE

Stampede is apparently after a U.S. cable television contract... I need information on the new Stampede. If you can help, please do...

# AWA NEWS

TWIN WARS '90 was held on May 5th. In the main events, RIC FLAIR beat BRIAN PILLMAN and NIKITA KOLOFF beat LARRY ZBYSZKO by DQ... Other notable matches: BRAD RHEINGANS, THE TROOPER and former football player BOB LURTSEMA beat DESTRUCTION CREW & TULLY BLANCHARD. It was Lurtsema's first pro match... YUKON LUMBERJACKS - SCOTT NORTON & JOHN NORD beat the previously undefeated TEXAS HANGMEN... DJ PETERSON beat JONNIE STEWART... Don't look for any more co-promotional efforts between the AWA & NWA... OX BAKER is now managing the NIGHTSTALKER... Brad Rheingans & DJ Peterson have formed a tag team... Jonnie Stewart, 'The Brat', is feuding with SGT.SLAUGHTER... The Trooper recently went to a draw with champ Larry Zbyszko... COLONEL DEBEERS has been allowed back on ESPN. A rather short 'lifetime ban'... Zbyszko is now talking about 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Spudheads'... Destruction Crew competed on the syndicated show in a chicken eating contest from a Popeye's Chicken in Minneapolis... 'Benchwarmer' Bob Lurtsema returns to action on the next Minneapolis show with the Trooper and a mystery partner against Blanchard & Destruction Crew in a Football match...

JERRY LAWLER lost and regained the USWA title from JIMMY VALIANT during the month of May. The loss came about as a result of new rules for the Memphis area: there will no longer be draws, matches will be decided by first takedown after the time limit expires... The title change was only in Memphis, as Lawler continued defending in Texas against the likes of JEFF JARRETT, KERRY VON ERICH, MIKE AWESOME, THE GIANT and Valiant... BILLY TRAVIS has turned good and reformed his popular tag team with Jeff Jarrett. They are feuding with the DIRTY WHITE BOYS... The Southern title has been switching between JOHN TATUM and BILL DUNDEE. They are feuding over valet TESSA... THE UPTOWN POSSE - SWEET DADDY FALCONE & BRICKHOUSE BROWN, won the USWA tag titles from the SOUTHERN ROCKERS... ERIC EMBRY beat TERRY GARVIN with one arm tied behind his back. Embry has since left the area... The Giant was in for a while. He is better known as the short-lived NITRON in the NWA, bodyguard to WOMAN... ROCKIN RANDY lost a loser-leaves-town match to BEN JORDAN... Mike Awesome turned heel on CHRIS CHAMPION... Kerry Von Erich is feuding with MATT BORNE over the Texas title. Borne gave the title to Kerry as a token of their 'friendship'... Announcer MARK LOWRANCE has left the area... CHRIS ADAMS is feuding with STEVE AUSTIN, who has Adam's first wife Genie as his valet... Jerry Lawler was recently featured on People Magazine on TV...



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## NWA PRO WRESTLING

The rampant chaos should subside now that a single booker has been chosen. OLE ANDERSON has taken control... Some of the newcomers... EL GIGANTE, another ally of STING... JUNKYARD DOG, who has started a feud with the HORSEMEN... STAN 'THE LARIAT' HANSEN as a tough cowboy ready to fight everyone in sight... DOUG FURNAS, one of the unheralded stars of pro wrestling. Look for his regular partner, DAN KROFFAT, to come in soon... New NWA tag champs, DOOM, will be battling the ROCK'n'ROLL EXPRESS and the STEINERS... Look for the Steiner brothers to split up as a tag team to pursue singles titles... THE SOUTHERN BOYS, STEVE ARMSTRONG & TRACY SMOTHERS, are a hot new tag team... PAUL E DANGEROUSLY is back and managing MEAN MARK... The Horsemen are now: RIC FLAIR, BARRY WINDHAM, ARN ANDERSON & SID VICIOUS. Ole Anderson will be managing. WOMAN has been phazed out in favour of having MISSY HYATT as the lead female in the promotion... THE ROAD WARRIORS leaving will not really have that much effect on the promotion, though we will not see the scheduled Roadies vs Steiner matches. I expect the Roadies to return in a year or two after having a big impact on the WWF... ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER quit... There are rumours that ComSat, a major cable company, has interest in buying the NWA / WCW... The next Clash special is June 13, headlined by Flair & Windham vs the Steiners... The NWA return to Canada is the happiest news in months. Make sure you attend to guarantee that they return...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

EARTHQUAKE attacked HULK HOGAN on a recent BROTHER LOVE show, conveniently enabling Hulk to vacation until Summer Slam. That big show will likely have EQ vs Hulk, ULTIMATE WARRIOR vs RICK RUDE and DUSTY RHODES, SAPPHIRE & ELIZABETH vs RANDY SAVAGE, SHERRI MARTEL & BROTHER LOVE. More details will be known after the July Saturday Night's Main Event... THE ROAD WARRIORS will be coming to the WWF as THE LEGION OF DOOM with manager PAUL ELLERING... CURT HENNIG, new I-C champion, added credibility to his title reign by opting for BOBBY HEENAN over the cartoonish GENIUS... NIKOLAI VOLKOFF has turned good and is feuding with former partner BORIS ZUKHOV. Nikolai now sings the U.S.National anthem before matches and claims to be from Lithuania... Look for TUGBOAT to be getting a big push as a 'friend' of the injured Hulkster... SHANE DOUGLAS, formerly of the DYNAMIC DUDES, is new to the area. He will likely only work on the undercard on house shows... BAD NEWS BROWN continues his feud with JAKE ROBERTS... Look for the ORIENT EXPRESS to get title shots against DEMOLITION... Late result: WWF Edmonton May 25th... DUSTY RHODES beat RANDY SAVAGE with the use of SHERRI's purse... QUEEN SHERRI beat SAPPHIRE with a small package... TUGBOAT beat BROOKLYN BRAWLER... JAKE ROBERTS beat BAD NEWS BROWN with a DDT... RICK MARTEL pinned RONNIE GARVIN... HERCULES pinned HAKU... AX of DEMOLITION was 'injured' so SMASH wrestled BRET HART. It ended in a double DQ when JIM NEIDHART interfered with a chair..... Dusty Rhodes was out for a while with a foot injury... Ultimate Warrior is apparently being booed at some of his ring appearances... BUSHWACKERS vs RHYTHM & BLUES is a feud going nowhere...

## WEST FOUR WRESTLING ALLIANCE

They have changed the TV tapings to about once a month at the Roller Rink. Other Mondays will have regular shows, such as: May 14th: MIKE STONE & CAVEMAN BRODA beat THE NATURAL & THE PSYCHO by DQ when the GOLDEN SHIEK and BRIAN JEWEL interfered... CHI CHI CRUZ wrestled THE FROG to a double countout... MIGHTY MOE beat BULLDOG BOB BROWN by countout in a half hour match. Brown was bleeding 30 seconds in and by the end, was covered in blood. Bulldog, along with cornerman Cruz, hit Moe with a roll of pennies and chairs. A wild one to be sure!... May 28th: In the main event, MIKE STONE & BRIAN JEWEL beat PSYCHO & BOBBY (the Heartbreaker) DRIVER with the GOLDEN SHIEK handcuffed to promoter TONY CONDELLO at ringside... BULLDOG BOB BROWN didn't show, due to a 'knee injury.' So instead of Brown, MIGHTY MOE beat THE GRAPPLER... THE GOLDEN SHIEK made THE TULIP submit as Tulip chalked up his 104th straight loss. Shiek & Psycho doubleteamed Tulip afterwards... CHI CHI CRUZ beat THE FROG with the use of trunks... FRENCH MAD DOG beat WILLIE WARREN... DAVE GOBEIL beat CAVEMAN BRODIE... Ticket prices were reduced for this card... JOE AIELLO is back to stay in Winnipeg, and back on CITI-FM under the name JOE CAPONE...

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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## GIL HAYES

**In conversation with Harry J. Forest**

Although only 5'10", 242 pounds, GIL HAYES, known as "Mrs.Hayes' bad boy Gilbert," was one great wrestler. He held the Stampede International tag titles with four different partners on six different occasions. And in 1974, he held the North American title for four months. Gil Hayes has wrestled in Japan, U.S., Puerto Rico, and in Canada. His reputation was as a villain. "If you're a bad guy, the crowds don't like you, and they don't like what you do in the ring." Hayes didn't care.

Gil began his wrestling career in 1967 when he met GENE KINISKI – who was on a late evening walk after a wrestling match in Fort Francis, Ontario. Gil recalls how Gene encouraged him to take up the sport. "Immediately after our meeting, I began training in a church basement." He wrestled his first pro match in '67 against an old pro. Hayes thought that he could whip the world. Of course, he lost the match.

Actually, Hayes first became interested in pro wrestling at the age of 10 when he saw his first match on TV. He wrestled through high school as an amateur. Hayes recalls how upset his mother was when he decided to turn pro. "She stated that I was not a 300 pounder like so many wrestlers were. However she conceded, finally, and told me if I was ever going to survive, I was tohit first and hit hard. I hate to blame my method of wrestling on my mother, but I took her advice. I gotta say, thanks Mom, because it helped – I'm still alive."

Gil explained that the injuries wrestlers sustain are not always caused by other wrestlers. More often than not, they injuries are caused by over-reacting fans. "They spit at you, throw sandwiches, shoes, anything they can lay their hands on." He has nine stiches in his head, an old stab wound in his back and a nine-inch scar under his arm – all from fans. Due to back and knee injuries, Gil has been retired from the wrestling ring for about eight years. He lives near Edmonton, Alberta and enjoys writing country and western music.

On today's scene: Gil does not like the WWF. He wishes the CNWA luck in getting a foot hold into the business. It will take some time to get recognized and organized. Good luck in the future to Gil Hayes.

# OPINIONS : FANS, PROMOTERS & EDITORS

Winnipeg promoter TONY CONDELLO on CNWA promoter FRED MAY: "He screwed Stu Hart and was trying to screw me too." Condello's side of the Stampede story says that May and Hart had a breakdown in their television contract, meaning Hart was out. May then signed a contract with Condello, with Tony under the impression that WFWA was to replace Stampede permanenttly on TSN. The WFWA was dropped and the CNWA born. Apparently, May only wanted to get a hold of Condello's contracts in wrestling. EDITOR: This story is more consistent with the stories found elsewhere, but may not be true. Make your own judgement based on the facts presented.

Reader HOWARD PAGET: "I would like to see all of we report members write in regarding people at ringside. This is killing the sport. In 1952, no one was allowed at ringside or BUNNY DUNLOP had them taken care of. Present ringside performance is a disgrace to the sport, and many viewers are closing out."

Editor Greg Oliver and WWF media relations director STEVE PLANAMENTA from London Free Press article by JEFF HALE on ULTIMATE WARRIOR, April 28, 1990. : "They're paying close attention to how he draws," said Wrestling Observer editor Greg Oliver. "Hogan still draws without the belt and the Ultimate Warrior didn't do that. They want to see how he does as a champion. He has drawn some plum opponents such as Mr.Perfect (Curt Hennig) in Philadelphia Saturday night and here Sunday. "They've got him against guys who will make him look good," said Oliver. But Planamenta said that isn't so. "We're not waiting for public reaction. We're not testing him." Oliver figures the WWF will assess the Ultimate Warrior right up to next year's WrestleMania VII at the Los Angeles Coliseum. If he's accepted, the marketing campaign goes into high gear. If he isn't, he's expected to return to his former badguy role." Editor: I am honoured to be named editor of the Wrestling Observer!

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**CHAMPIONS**

WWF – Ultimate Warrior
WWF Tag – Demolition
I-C – Mr Perfect Curt Hennig
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Southern – John Tatum
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## DIFFERENT DEMOLITION

**WWF TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS**

A recent change in the line-up of the WWF Tag champs and the soon to be arriving competition of the LEGION OF DOOM make DEMOLITION ready for another championship profile.

With BILL EADIE – DEMOLTION AXE out of action due to heart problems, BRIAN ADAMS of Portland fame was brought as a new Demo member. He towers at 6'5". Eadie will manage and interfere at ringside, helping his team to stop the HART FOUNDATION. But up next is the awesome challenge of the ROAD WARRIORS – THE LEGION OF DOOM. The summer will heat up!

## EDITORIAL

For the month of JULY 1990

**What to do, what to do...**

Over the past five years as editor of this newsletter, I've accumulated a few wrestling related things:

200+ wrestling magazines
tons of wrestling newsletters
many wrestling programs
1 filing cabinet full of newspaper clippings, cartoons and show results
150+ wrestling trading cards
9 WWF wrestling figures
3 AWA wrestling figures
1 Four Horsemen pennant
4 posters: Hostess Wrestlemania, Four Horsemen, Jerry Lawler and Roddy Piper
5 t-shirts: Ric Flair, WrestleMania VI, Pro Wrestling Canada, Jerry Lawler, Great American Bash
1 WWF wrestling calendar
50+ wrestling video tapes
1 Grand Prix Wrestling hat
4 photo albums of wrestling
5 wrestling books
autographs ranging from STING to SUPERSTAR GRAHAM to JOHNNY k-9
and a few other things...

And now a whole lot of that will be meaningless. Or will it?

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Also in this last issue will be details on refunds on subscriptions, and maybe a cheque. There will be a listing of newsletters to subscribe to and even a special deal or two. There will be a suggestion on a new tape dealer.

And there will be a tearful goodbye...

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## Rasslin' Results

### WWF KITCHENER JUNE 17, 1990

More important than the results is the reason why this show worked. As a part of the Central Ontario Exhibition, the WWF drew over 3,000 people to a very poor show. That evening's show in Toronto at Maple Leaf Gardens had only a few more people. Wrestling needs to work more with promotional groups and sponsors. Giving away free tickets is a step in the right direction. Since it was with the COE, it was advertised everywhere. A ticket got you into the COE for free. This show worked, with a poor lineup, because of the hard work of the COE, not the WWF. Results: DUSTY RHODES beat up BROTHER LOVE in a special segment... PAUL ROMA beat BUDDY ROSE... JAKE ROBERTS scared off BAD NEWS BROWN... AKEEM beat BRADY BOONE... QUEEN SHERRI beat SAPPHIRE... Rhodes beat RANDY SAVAGE... ROCKERS beat ORIENT EXPRESS by countout...

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DUSTY RHODES & SAPPHIRE beat RANDY SAVAGE & QUEEN SHERRI. ELIZABETH & BROTHER LOVE were in the corners... JAKE ROBERTS beat BAD NEWS BROWN by DQ... ROCKERS beat ORIENT EXPRESS by countout... AKEEM beat BRADY BOONE... PAUL ROMA beat BUDDY ROSE... AL PEREZ beat JIM POWERS... BARBARIAN beat JIMMY SNUKA...

### WWF LONDON JUNE 21, 1990

Some problems with this show, as tickets listed June 22nd as the event. Undoubtably, some people showed up a day late... DUSTY RHODES beat RANDY SAVAGE... DEMOLITION beat the HART FOUNDATION when AXE interfered. New Demo CRUSH was alongside SMASH in the ring... ROBERTS vs BROWN was advertised, but didn't take place... BARBARIAN beat JIMMY SNUKA... QUEEN SHERRI did not appear for her match, though SAPPHIRE was around... TUGBOAT beat DINO BRAVO... PAUL ROMA beat BUDDY ROSE... HERCULES beat AKEEM... Report by Terry Dart...

### JULY 1, 1990 CHIN PICNIC TORONTO

The CHIN picnic at the CNE grounds once again had wrestling. TONY PARISI, GINO BRITO, BULLWHIP JOHNSON, RICKY JOHNSON and others were on hand... There was a display of sumo wrestling...

### UPCOMING ONTARIO SHOWS

JULY 8 WWF TORONTO

### NWA NIAGARA FALLS JUNE 26, 1990

A small, but loud crowd of about 1,000 was on hand to see the NWA's first foray into Ontario since February 1987. BRIAN PILLMAN beat BOBBY EATON with a sunset flip. There were good high spots and they toyed with the possibility of the EXPRESS vs CORNETTE... SCOTT STEINER beat STAN LANE when Cornette accidentally hit Lane with his tennis racket to cause the pin... RICK STEINER beat DUTCH MANTELL. Dutch had the best shirt of the night: "Yes, you may worship me"... RICK STEINER beat a limping MEAN MARK CALLOUS in 31 seconds... SOUTHERN BOYS beat DOOM in a non-title match. An average match with a surprise ending when STEVE ARMSTRONG cradled BUTCH REED during a meelee... And in the main event, LEX LUGER & JUNKYARD DOG beat ARN ANDERSON & RIC FLAIR. It was mostly Luger in against the HORSEMEN, until JYD headbutted Flair and scored the pin... Announcer GARY CAPETTA pushed the NWA on WTBS and the upcoming Pay Per View instead of the NWA on CFTO Toronto and Channel 49 Buffalo... Report by Peter J Maurin...

### NWA BRANTFORD JUNE 28, 1990

Only about 300 people were on hand to see the NWA in town... BRIAN PILLMAN beat DUTCH MANTELL in a good opener... THE JIM CORNETTE & THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS show was up once again as BOBBY EATON beat NICK DECARLO in what actually turned out to be a pretty good match. Obviously Eaton's work... SCOTT STEINER beat STAN LANE... RICK STEINER beat BOBBY EATON. Cornette was just great at ringside... DOOM beat the SOUTHERN BOYS in a good match. TEDDY LONG was rather rude to a few ringside fans... They combined two matches to have LEX LUGER & JUNKYARD DOG beat RIC FLAIR & ARN ANDERSON instead of a painful Flair / JYD title match. JYD small packaged Flair for the win. The Horsemen were big time cheered... MEAN MARK CALLOUS was there but didn't wrestle. Maybe it was because of the tough match he had the night before against DeCarlo... Cdn WR writer TERRY DART had his problems taking ringside photos, as security was strict. He even complained to Civic Centre officials. In Terry's words, the show "stunk"... Report by Norm McEvoy and Terry Dart... Joke of the night: Terry Dart to JYD with a big suitcase "That must be heavy to carry around all night." JYD "yeah." Terry "I wasn't talking about the suitcase!"

## NWA PRO WRESTLING

The NWA presented Clash of the Champions XI: Costal Crush on June 13 on WTBS. A good show saw some interesting results: JUNKYARD DOG beat RIC FLAIR by DQ when OLE ANDERSON interfered. After, a wild brawl ensued with STING and Flair going at it as the show ended... PAUL ORNDORFF pinned ARN ANDERSON in a non-title match-up... DOOM beat SCOTT & RICK STEINER to retain the NWA tag titles when they used a foreign object... LEX LUGER beat SID VICIOUS in less than 30 seconds. Obviously, they are unsure what to do with Sid... BARRY WINDHAM beat DOUG FURNAS... ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS beat MIDNIGHT EXPRESS by DQ when STAN LANE interfered with the referee... MEAN MARK pinned BRIAN PILLMAN... TOM ZENK & MIKE ROTUNDO beat SAMOAN SWAT TEAM... TOMMY RICH beat BAM BAM BIGELOW by DQ when BBB refused to stop choking Rich... SOUTHERN BOYS beat the FREEBIRDS... Also on the show, the interviewed EL GIGANTE... In other news: THE DUDES WITH ATTITUDES - Orndorff, Sting, Luger, JYD and the Steiners are feuding with the HORSEMEN... CACTUS JACK MANSON has left the area as he thought that he would not fare well under new booker Ole Anderson... The Baltimore Bash on July 7th features BIG VAN VADER's American debut... JIM CORNETTE and PAUL E DANGEROUSLY are still at odds on TV... BUDDY LANDELL will likely eventually feud with RIC FLAIR... TOMMY RICH has lost some weight and looks much better... EL GIGANTE debuts in the ring at the Bash in a six man tag match with Orndorff & JYD against Arn Anderson, Sid Vicious and Barry Windham... I really hope that STING wins the NWA title at the Bash, as Ric Flair is really stale in my eyes...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

It seems that everyone is worried about the condition of the HULKSTER. Well, worry not folks, he looked allright to these eyes when he appeared on the June ABC All-Star Sports awards ceremony. He talked of his injury and his hope to return... You can also catch a healthy Hogan in the movie Gremlins 2... DEMOLITION AXE (BILL EADIE) is out of action as a wrestler due to heart problems. He will manage SMASH and newcomer CRUSH. The new member is BRIAN ADAMS from Pacific Northwest fame. The Demos will be turning heel with Smash interfering in matches more and more... Look for JIM DUGGAN & TUGBOAT to battle DINO BRAVO & EARTHQUAKE in upcoming shows... There is talk of KERRY VON ERICH and NORD THE BARBARIAN starting up... Look to see the ROAD WARRIORS on TV in the middle of July as the LEGION OF DOOM... RODDY PIPER & JESSE VENTURA will be filming 12 episodes of their ABC TV show 'Tag Team.' It will likely appear as a replacement series... The visits by TED DIBIASE and MEAN GENE OKERLAND to Cobb County, Georgia have been funny and should help the DiBiase vs BIG BOSSMAN feud along... Did 'ya see BAD NEWS BROWN on Arsenio Hall? The superstar host scared Brown off the set with a snake... ULTIMATE WARRIOR has been cleanly pinning RICK RUDE at house shows... In order to increase Warrior's popularity and to put to rest the idea that he is a demon, they have brought in AMANDA ULTIMATE WARRIOR, a little girl who is apparently Warrior's niece. This could lead to an interesting angle or two with the heels kidnapping Amanda... Summer Slam is August 27th from Philadelphia...

## WEST FOUR WRESTLING ALLIANCE

Tapings at the roller rink aren't going on at the present time because TONY CONDELLO has run out of money to pay his production crew. Old shows are running on CKY. And that's really it on that. Don't know if this situation is temporary or permanent... The Winnipeg Free Press does an amusing wrestling column every so often written by Shane Minkin. Totally tongue in cheek...

### A personal note, if I may...

I'll be looking for a place to stay in Toronto for at least the next year as I attend Ryerson. It has to be within walking distance or convienient to public transit. If you have any ideas, please let me know at (519) 893-4092 or write. Apartment, shared house, condo, anything.... I would also like to encourage everyone to be a part of the next issue. Without you, the readers, I would never have kept this up as long as I did... Video tapes will continue to be available until at least September... If you'd like back issues to fill up your subscription, please let me know... The August issue will be a little late so that it will be really, really special...

## CNWA

The CNWA seems headed to fun times as opposed to high quality in ring action... GOLDEN EAGLE is a masked wrestler who is next to blind without his glasses. He stumbles around hitting the referee, posts, and just about everything else but the opponent... THE BALL PLAYER from Madison Square Gardens (?) is managed by JT BROOTH and wears a ball uniform... THE MERCANARY and GENTLEMAN JIM JORDAN are new good guys... JERRY MORROW and BIFF WELLINGTON are in town... MIKE ADAMS is a new announcer... They are giving out Wrestler of the Week awards... The CNWA title is about to be determined in a series of matches, culminating during the week of the Calgary Stampede... RON RITCHIE is the lead hero... THE BOWLERS - GOLDIE ROGERS & DUKE MYERS have new jackets. Neato...

## STAMPEDE

BRUCE HART is no longer running shows... DEAN HART attempted to run a show, but it didn't work out... Stampede is slated to have a show on Sportschannel New England in August. First they have to promote again...

## TRIVIA

Answer to last month: BOB BRADLEY. Four correct answers were sent in... This month: Who was the first wrestler ever profiled in the Cdn WR's 'Champions'? ( take a wild guess... ) Answer next month, and so much more!...

## AWA NEWS

The AWA has been running into some difficulties and recently had to cancel a few shows... In the ring, they are contesting the AWA Light Heavyweight title once again. ILLUSTRIOUS JONNIE STEWART is the front runner in the competition... ROCK'N'ROLL BUCK ZUMHOFE, back in the area, is also after the title... Newcomers include TONY DENUCCI and MIKE GEORGE... RIP MCCORD and DJ PETERSON have formed an exciting tag team and are looking to battle current AWA tag champs, DESTRUCTION CREW... AWA champ LARRY ZBYSZKO has been fighting off the challenges of THE TROOPER, NIKITA KOLOFF and BRAD RHEINGANS... THE LUMBERJACKS - YUKON JOHN and FLAPJACK NORTON are feuding with the TEXAS HANGMEN - PYSCHO & KILLER. There is talk of the Lumberjacks entering the WWF... The AWA has been working with Minnesota independent promotion the PWA. PWA stars include LARRY CAMERON, RICKY RICE and CHARLIE NORRIS... TULLY BLANCHARD is gone from the AWA...

## OTHER NEWS

The Maritimes are running once again. EMILE DUPREE's Grand Prix show has started up with BULLDOG BOB BROWN as a major player. Expect all the regulars to drop by... DAVEY BOY & JOHNNY SMITH continue to team abroad as 'brothers'... TERRY TAYLOR is headed to Japan... JONATHON HOLLIDAY is in an upcoming TV movie on NBC... BILLY JACK HAYES has developed into a successful heel in the Pacific Northwest... HARLEY RACE was recently in a boat crash and was arrested afterwards on several violations...

## USWA

JERRY LAWLER's big feud these days is with THE SNOWMAN. It all started during a realistic angle in Memphis when Snowman accused Lawler and promoter EDDIE MARLIN of discriminating against him... Lawler has organized a crusade against drugs in Memphis... The KERRY VON ERICH vs MATT BORNE feud over the Texas title is a hot one. TONY BORNE, Matt's father and CHRIS VON ERICH, Kerry's brother, have become involved... JOHN TATUM is the Southern champ having beaten BILL DUNDEE. Tatum is attempting to wrestle clean to win TESSA back from Dundee... BRICKHOUSE BROWN is a good guy once again, teaming with JEFF JARRETT against SCANDOR AKBAR's Army... ANGEL OF DEATH is back in town after having lost some weight... PERCY PRINGLE is a heel once again, teaming with Matt Borne in a feud versus the Von Erichs... STEVE DOLL has left the USWA and SOUTHERN ROCKER partner REX KING. He is now in Portland... THE DIRTY WHITE BOYS beat Rex King as a single to win the tag titles... Lawler has been defending his USWA title against Kerry Von Erich, The Snowman and JEFF GAYLORD... GARY YOUNG is feuding with KEVIN VON ERICH after destroying Kevin's birthday presents...

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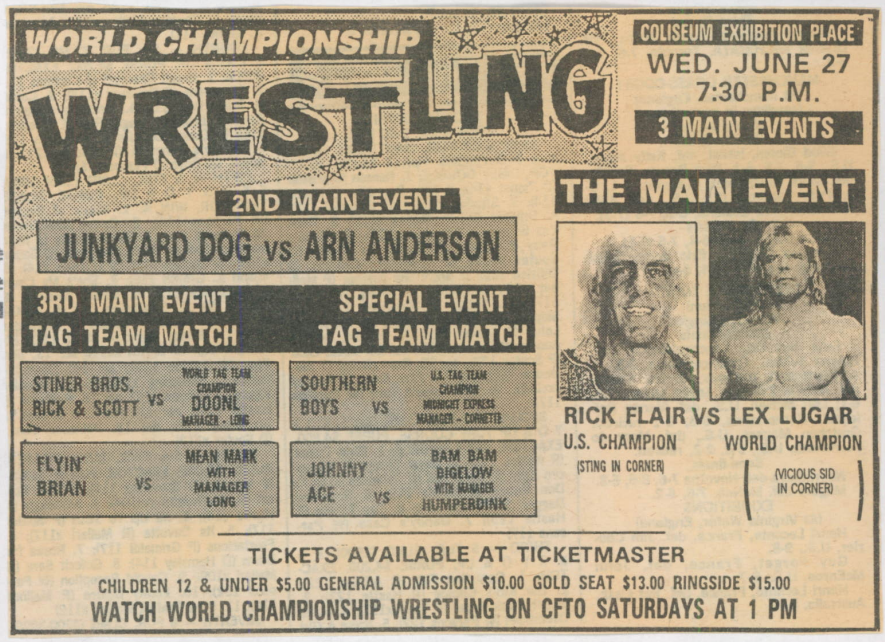
# WCW TORONTO
## JUNE 27th COLISEUM EXHIBITION PLACE




The National Wrestling Alliance returned to Toronto for the first time since June 1984 (according to my records...) on June 27th. About 4,000 pro-NWA fans turned out to cheer yell and remember the good days of the NWA in Ontario. The last time the NWA was at the CNE grounds was July 83 when RIC FLAIR battled HARLEY RACE in two matches at Exhibition Stadium. But all this is the past, let's talk present and future...

Just like any other NWA stop, fans were waiting in the back of the arena for the wrestlers to arrive. While we were arriving, so were LEX LUGER, and the STEINERS. Luger rolled down the car window to briefly talk to the fans and comment on a pro-HORSEMEN poster. Infront of the building, fans were milling around, listening to the scalpers to try unload their many tickets. There were still many tickets available at the door for those who wanted them. Inside, NWA merchandise was on sale. The programs were from APRIL 1990, but that didn't stop people from buying them. A collection of Luger, STING, FLAIR, ROAD WARRIOR, ZENK & PILLMAN merchandise was on sale. Fans were there for the merchandise, but more importantly, the wrestling.

In the opening match, PAUL E DANGEROUSLY spat out anti-Canada commentary and then announced that MEAN MARK would not be wrestling. In the end, Mean Mark heartpunched Hamilton wrestling veteran NICK DECARLO and left. No match... Up next was the popular JIM CORNETTE show. Manager extraordinaire, Cornette hammed it up for the fans but couldn't help his team, the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS, from losing a non-title match to the energetic SOUTHERN BOYS... BRIAN PILLMAN, a familiar face for Canadian fans, beat DUTCH MANTELL. After the match, Dirty Dutch announced that he hated Toronto and would never return... An exciting battle for the World tag team titles was on next. DOOM and the STEINERS work very hard against each other. SCOTT was even thrown into the ring barrier a few times. In a wild ending, the referee disqualified DOOM for throwing RICK over the top rope... And in the final match before intermission, the JUNKYARD DOG beat ARN ANDERSON. JYD was booed and Arn was the hero tonight. Numerous FOUR HORSEMEN posters were evident. As you may guess, the match was bad and had a disappointing ending. Arn's TV title was not on the line. The match was basically an early start to intermission... GARY CAPETTA threw out STING flexible flyers (like frisbees) to the crowd before officially letting the crowd out... And in the match most had come to see, RIC FLAIR vs LEX LUGER, no one went home really disappointed. It was a solid match, full of the typical highlights: press slams, flexing, strutting, figure four leglocks, chops and the patented WHOOOO! Flair, who has just about always been a hero in Ontario, lost via pinfall to Luger following a superplex. Of course, it was a non-title match-up...

The Toronto media did not pick up on the excitement of the NWA's return. Only a few (wrong) ads were placed in the newspapers (above). Localized TV promos helped... In between matches, announcer GARY CAPETTA plugged WTBS and PPV until he was informed that all the NWA that we got was NWA Pro and World Wide on CFTO-TV Toronto on Saturdays... Security was very tight, as no one was allowed to stand on the floor outside of the seats... Canadian NWA promoter AL ZINCK was happy with the show and plans are being made for a return to Ontario, most likely in August. Toronto, Welland and Kitchener have been mentioned as possible sights.

A good show provided good times. It was great see all the subscribers there: Jim, James, Dave, Jeff, Gregg, Terry, Wes, Norm, Kevin, Ken, Jamie, Rory, David, Justin, Bryan, J.D., Dan, Steve and so many more. Let's hope they return - and soon!

# A JAR FULL OF MEMORIES
With Terry Dart

TORONTO MAPLE LEAF GARDENS JUNE 1960

Well, it's good to be back for the final two issues. A special thank you goes out to all of you kind enough to write me. Onto the memories!

The main event was a cage match between FRITZ VON ERICH and WHIPPER WATSON. The match started out when Fritz attacked Watson from behind and choked him with his towel. The Mad German began kicking Watson and missed at one point, getting his foot caught in the lower part of the cage. At this show, the cage was made of a thin wire almost like chicken wire. To make Fritz even more cozy, Whipper tied his claw hand in another bit of mesh. This caused no end to the laughter among the 7,500 fans in attendance. The Whip was his old bouncy self in this one. He gave out many choice judo chops that Von Erich and his claw hold at a distance. After 20 minutes of vicious action, Fritz corned Whip and applied the dreaded Iron Claw. When Fritz refused to break the hold, referee BIG BILL STACK ordered the bell and DQ'd the German. That decision brought in THE MIGHTY JUMBO, all 517 lbs who tossed Fritz aside like a sack of potatoes. Next came the KALMIKOFFS, IVAN & KAROL, and Jumbo quickly disposed of the two rowdy Russains. The crowd left happy to see justice done, only to go outside into a vicious hail and electrical storm that pounded on us worse than Jumbo had pounded on Von Erich!

IN OTHER BOUTS: DINO & DOMINIC BRAVO wrestled to a draw with IVAN & KAROL KALMIKOFF when curfew halted this pier six brawl at 23:03 of a one fall semifinal... THE MIGHTY JUMBO defeated DON JARDINE with a bearhug and top spread at only 2:21 of a 30 minute bout... ANASTAS MINASIAN won over RAOUL LOPEZ with a dropkick and reverse shoulder stand at 9:07 of 20 minute bout, thus earning Minasian a world title match with NWA champ PAT O'CONNOR... PAT FLANAGAN wrestled to a draw with 310 pound BIG ED MILLER in the 20 minute opener...

NOTES: FRTIZ VON ERICH ( JACK ADKISSON ) had a lot of tough matches with WHIPPER WATSON and even injured Watson's neck with a Blitzkrieg – a flying kneedrop off the top rope. This injury kept Watson out for six months. When Von Erich won the US Title from LORD ATHOL LAYTON in Detroit, Fritz claimed that he was so hated in the town that he could not even buy a cup of coffee. Fritz often teamed up with DON LEO JONATHON, GENE KINISKI, HANS HERMAN and KARL VON SCHOBER... THE MIGHTY JUMBO was not too bad of a wrestler for a 517 pounder. Jumbo was bald and had a black beard. He teamed with Whipper on occasion to battle heels like Von Erich & Jonathon and the Kalmikoffs. Finally, one night GENE KINISKI booted Jumbo viciously into defeat in 1:58. It looked like Kiniski was putting out a fire as he stomped and stomped on Jumbo. I never heard of the Mighty Jumbo after that... DON JARDINE, in his early days, was very small and often called BABYFACE Jardine. In later years, he gained a lot of success in the AWA with LORD AL HAYES as SUPER DESTROYER MARK I and even more success as the THE SPOILER in Texas. Jardine even wrestled as SONNY COPPER in the early 60's. Jardine's famous walk along the top rope was taught to his protege MEAN MARK CALLOUS of the NWA... RAOUL LOPEZ was very colourful, as he would sit in his corner before each match wearing a huge sombraro, having a brief siesta. Lopez was a villain with very little ability. The Mexican also wrestled as RAMON LOPEZ in upstate New York... ANASTAS MINASIAN was a very clever Greek wrestler who often used a rolling short arm scissors around the entire ring to run up a string of victories over mediocre opponents. Minasian, at 5'7", 220 pounds was simply too small to mix with the big boys. Anastas found this out when he challenged NWA Champ PAT O'CONNOR to a World title match in Toronto. Minasian was nailed with three flying dropkicks and Pat's famous reverse rolling cradle off the ropes to defeat the game little Greek in only 10:14 of a scientific match. It ended any chance Minasian had of winning the World title...

Take care and enjoy your summer. Yours in wrestling, Terry...

FOR NEXT ISSUE: We are looking to do a collage of wrestling clipping from across Canada. Please send new and old clipping to the Canadian Wrestling Report...

Dear wrestling fan,

Thanks for your support of the video tape section of the Canadian Wrestling Report. A complete listing of tapes can be obtained by sending a 39 cent stamp. I hope that you find a few tapes that you would like. The remainder on your Cdn WR subscription can also be used as credit - but please call me on that one - it is NOT $1 per issue remaining. Again, thanks for your support. I hope to hear from you soon.

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NWA SUPER TAPE #13 - Capital Combat: Return of Robocop Flair vs Luger (cage) Steiners vs Doom Midnight Express vs Tom Zenk & Brian Pillman plus NWA piece on Saturday Night with Connie Chung 05/19/90 and 5 shows NWA wrestlers on Family Feud May90

NWA HIGHLIGHTS #4 - January 1989 - October 1989 - Ric Flair feud with Terry Funk, Rick Steiner / Woman angle, Road Warriors vs Samoan Swat Team and more

NWA HIGHLIGHTS #5 - October 1989 - June 1990 - Ric Flair vs Lex Luger Ric Flair vs Eddie Gilbert Steiner vs Wrecking Crew II Road Warrior Hawk vs Butch Reed SST vs Zenk & Pillman Steiners vs Freebirds Lex Luger vs Brian Pillman

MISC TAPE #9 - poor quality - Calgary 1981, Vancouver 1984, Montreal 1979, Detroit 1977, Portland 1981 and more!

MISC TAPE #10 - poor quality - NWA, Florida, Japan, AWA, WWF - Nick Bockwinkel vs Curt Hennig, Hulk Hogan & Andre the Giant vs Dick Murdoch, Adrian Adonis & John Studd, Magnum TA vs Wahoo McDaniel, Road Warriors vs Midnight Express

MISC TAPE #11 - July/August 1987 - UWF, NWA, Stampede, PWP - Ric Flair vs Jimmy Garvin, Owen Hart vs Ron Starr, Freebirds vs Midnight Express, Bruce Hart & Brian Pillman & Owen Hart vs Ron Starr, Duke Myers & Kerry Brown ...a few interruptions

MISC TAPE #12 - Ted DiBiase & Steve Williams vs Freebirds, Greg Oliver on Morning Magazine 02/90 Owen Hart vs Jerry Morrow Jerry Lawler - People Magazine 05/90 Owen Hart vs Angel of Death Angelo Mosca - It's Your Call 02/87 TSN Flashback - Gene Kiniski

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Thank you for your interest.
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# the Canadian Wrestling Report

## Celebrating Five Years 1985-90

## FINAL ISSUE AUGUST 1990

## Thanks for the memories!

Dear Wrestling Fans,

Well, here it is - the final issue of the Canadian Wrestling Report. I really hope that you enjoy it. Inside are memories, news and more. It is probally the best issue that we've ever done, especially from a content standpoint. Both new and old writers grace these pages. It is a happy, positive way to go out. And that, to me, symbolizes much of what the CDN WR was all about: happy, positive, enthusiastic about pro wrestling. We criticized, but it was to better a product instead of put-down. We analyzed, but it was to gain a better appreciation of the whole picture.

The CDN WR was for more than just the 'smart' or 'casual' fan. It was for the wrestling fan. Period. That is one thing that I am proud of. We didn't alienate anyone. There was Canadian news, American news and International news. There were well-known stories and inside info.

As I move on, I'd like to thank everyone who has helped over the years and single out a few: Mom for everything from stamping, reading to hassling; Dad for ideas, support and photocopying; Chris & Serge for helping get the whole thing off the ground; Bonnie Malleck, our longest running subscriber; Harvey Cobb of PWE for the longest running bulletin exchange; Fred & Jason for our first reports from satellite; Terry for "Memories", tapes and friendship; Wes, Norm, Don, Kevin, Jim, Dave, Steve for good times; John, Mike and Jim for letters; Dr Don for wisdom; Promoters like Angelo & Milt, Doug, Chris, Bob and even Jack for helping; friends in the 'business' like Wayne for just being there; newsletter editors for support and exchanges; and YOU, the wrestling fan for subscribing, reading and writing.

I am actually not all that sad about ending the newsletter. A period of my life is now complete. Five years is a long time. I can look back and proudly say that we really accomplished something. We are going out at a high point and not out the back door. We have not burned any bridges as we depart. And may I be the first to wish Greg Oliver the best of luck in these pages, 'cause he's really going to need it!

Thanks!! Keep in touch!!

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## Rasslin' Results

WWF TORONTO JULY 8th
A very small crowd at the MLG... HAKU pinned JIM BRUNZELL with a back-breaker in a "goin' through the motions" match that got better when they woke up and started working. ( * )... NIKOLAI VOLKOFF scored a victory for glasnost by pinning BORIS ZUKHOV. Somebody should tell Nik to carry a Maple Leaf flag in Canada. ( DUD, but Nik seems like a nice guy )... EARTHQUAKE 'McGoon' (remember Lil' Abner?) pinned HACKSAW DUGGAN in a slow motion waltz reminiscent of those classic ANDRE-DUGGAN matches. DUD... WARLORD squashed PEZ WHATLEY, taking too long to do it. DUD... TITO SANTANA beat CURT HENNIG by DQ when Curt pulled the ref infront of the flying elbow smash. Good match with good heat and more of Curt's state of the art bumps, but best shot of the night was on the ref. I hope he was acting hurt, otherwise it was a lot of real pain (**)... HILLBILLY JIM over BLACK BART. Jim's horseshoe worked harder than these two. DUD... Finally, you know you're a heel again when all the little 'rugrats' tell you that you suck. DEMOLITION kept the titles when AXE clotheslined BRET HART when the ref wasn't looking. Since CRUSH & SMASH were wrestling, I guess that counts as illegal. Anyway, it was a good, hard fought match with Hart looking his usual best... Next card, 19/8 Rude & Hennig vs Warrior & Mystery Partner. (revealed as KERRY VON ERICH)

WWF HAMILTON JULY 27, 1990
HAKU beat JIM BRUNZELL in a routine match. (*)... KOKO B WARE beat GENIUS and put on Lanny's curly blond wig. (**1/2 match, with extra for Koko's Tina Turner act)... HONKYTONK & VALENTINE did a mini concert. No wonder Elvis won't come out of hiding... SHERRI beat SAPPHIRE when SAVAGE came out and distracted the ref. (-***) Sherri looks like a Miss Universe contestant from the Planet Klingon and wrestling in a tight dress and high heels. Took tremendous bumps, and how she stayed in that dress I'll never know, but talk about a total waste being in against Sappy... DUSTY RHODES won a bullrope match over Savage. Another waste of talent. DUD... R&B beat BUSHWACKERS by COR - not as bad as it sounds - both sides tried and worked hard. (*)... BROOKLYN BRAWLER beat BARRY O... TITO SANTANA beat CURT HENNIG by DQ. Once again Curt was perfect in selling his butt off and had a competent opponent, so it wasn't a waste (**)...
Reports by Norm McEvoy - "Since this is my last report for now I would like to just say that it has been a pleasure to report on cards throughout Southern Ontario for the Wrestling Report and to quote The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy, 'So long and thanks for all the fish'."

EDITOR: Norm is what wrestling fans are all about. Watch (and listen) for the wild guy somewhere in the stands. Chances are that it is Norm. And if you see him, get him to do a few of his great impersonations.
THANKS NORM!!!!!!!

## A FINAL NIGHT IN BRAMPTON

On July 21, 1990, I attended my last ever independent wrestling show as a reporter for the CDN WR. Brings a tear to your eye, doesn't it?
Promoter and referee WAYNE CASHMAN put together this card, featuring many of the local stars. A crowd of more than 200 turned out, and from all indications, enjoyed themselves.
ANGELO MOSCA was guest announcer, looking just a little greyer up top...
In the opener, JASON STERLING beat the MASKED THUNDERBOLT with a body-press overtop of referee BIG MAC. Sterling is the son of DEWEY ROBERTSON / MISSING LINK. He has wrestled in Florida, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas, with World Class having been his favorite. Wrestling is part time for him, as he is a fitness instructor. His father, Dewey, is working with the Special Forces Division of the Police Force...
In a ladies match, BLONDIE beat LADY LUMBERJACK...
Just how many times have FARMER PETE and LITTLE JOHN fought? Neither had the answer, but Pete won once again with a hook-up in your typically entertaining midget bout...
PAUL BAPTISTA, making his local debut infront of a cheering Portuguese crowd, beat a DESTROYER with a roll up. At first, Destroyer won, but Baptista was under the ropes. The match continued and quickly ended. Baptista showed promise, especially with power moves...
RICKY 'Soulman' JOHNSON beat CHRIS JONES in a short one. Jones appeared lost in this one and the highlight was Ricky getting Mosca to boogie...
CALYPSO JIM battled to a double countout with TURBO NED TYSON. A good bout, with the wrestlers battling into the hockey glass and to the dressing room...
And in the main event, TONY PARISI and JOEY WAR EAGLE beat BULLDOG DON KENT and SEXY STEVE OCEAN when Joey crossbodyblocked Ocean. Mosca even got involved when taunted by Kent. It looked like all four were having fun, even if the youngsters War Eagle and Ocean had most of the action. It should be noted that a cross section of the ring dropped during this match onto the foot of ring attendant BRYAN CASHMAN. Overall, it was a decent show. Most of the crew were in Acton the next night.

I'd sincerely like to thank all the local promoters over the years for the effort they have given to keeping Ontario independent wrestling alive. It has not only been great to watch, it has been great to report on. I can say keep it up, but it is up to us, the fans, to keep them alive... Go independent!

## UPCOMING SHOWS TO PUT ON THE CALENDAR

WWF THUNDER BAY Aug 9th... WWF SUDBURY Aug 10th... NWA DETROIT Aug 11th... WWF KITCHENER Aug 11th... WWF PETERBOROUGH Aug 12th... WWF WINNIPEG Aug 17th... WWF EDMONTON Aug 18th... WWF TORONTO Aug 19th... WWF MONTREAL Aug 24th... WWF NIAGARA FALLS Aug 26th... WWF SUMMERSLAM Aug 27th... NWA WELLAND Aug 30th... NWA BRANTFORD Aug 31st... NWA CLASH XII: FALL BRAWL Sept 5th... NWA PPV: HALLOWEEN HAVOC Oct 28th... WWF SURVIVOR SERIES Nov 22nd... NWA PPV: STARRCADE '90 Dec 15th... WWF WRESTLEMANIA XII MARCH 27th, 1991...

## NWA PRO WRESTLING

STING as new world champion creates some renewed interest in the NWA for me. Who will he feud with after the mandatory rematches with RIC FLAIR? I forsee a feud with PAUL ORNDORFF, who cannot remain a good guy for long. SID VICIOUS is on the bill for Hallowe'en Havoc.... THE STEINERS are feuding with the SAMOAN SWAT TEAM... DOOM has made a fan out of me. They are SO solid as a tag team and SO believable as guys that live just to beat people up. I can't understand how the ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS have survived against them... STAN HANSEN is feuding with TOMMY RICH, now that he is back from his 'suspension' (read Japan tour)... Tons of newcomers slated for the next Clash, including NASTY BOYS, FANTASTICS, MAXIMUM OVERDRIVE, BOB ARMSTRONG, and BUDDY ROBERTS back as a FREEBIRD... The rumour continues that OWEN HART is coming in - likely to tag with BRIAN PILLMAN... Mean- while Pillman & ZENK are back together... TERRY TAYLOR should be in soon... EL GIGANTE has not been impressive in the ring, but certainly does excite the crowd. Given time, I think that he'll be a star... EDDIE GILBERT got out of his NWA contract and is now with the USWA... RIC FLAIR wanted to get out of his contract, but management wouldn't let him... Flair was out of a few matches with a knee injury. HARLEY RACE took his place... What are they going to do with DOUG FURNAS? How about giving him ARN ANDERSON's virtually worthless TV title and let him defend it on TV against the likes of BUDDY LANDELL, DUTCH MANTELL and even Pillman. Then the title might mean something... The return to Ontario is slated for Aug 30 Welland, Aug 31 Brantford...

## WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

As many have heard, BRUTUS BEEFCAKE was seriously injured in a parasailing accident. Every bone in his face was broken and it took nine hours of surgery to repair. Beefcake is not expected back for two years, if ever. It is too bad, as Beefer was involved in a great feud with MR PEFECT CURT HENNIG... TITO SANTANA has been filling in against Hennig but TEXAS TORNADO KERRY VON ERICH will feud with Perfect... RAVISHING RICK RUDE & BOBBY HEENAN were very funny on Arsenio Hall on July 27... POWER & GLORY are SLICK's new team of PAUL ROMA & HERCULES. Roma deserves this push, being one of the few 'WWF created' stars. They are feuding with the ROCKERS... THE LEGION OF DOOM are doing nothing different than their ROAD WARRIOR days... BIG BOSSMAN has come to the aid of TUGBOAT in battling DINO BRAVO & EARTHQUAKE until HULK HOGAN returns... DUSTY RHODES is headed to a feud with TED DIBIASE, with SAPPHIRE receiving 'expensive' presents... SGT SLAUGHTER will be wrestling in September battling NIKOLAI VOLKOFF... JESSE VENTURA has quit over a contract dispute for the time being... LORD AL HAYES has turned heel... NORD THE BARBARIAN is expected to arrive in October.... DUSTIN RHODES & TONY ATLAS will have started by the time you read this...

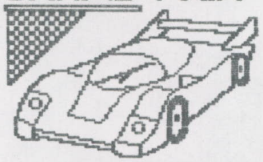
## Saturday Nights MAIN EVENT

The July 28th SNME was very good, featuring competitive match-ups... ULTIMATE WARRIOR beat RICK RUDE by countout to set up the cage match at Summer Slam... MR PERFECT CURT HENNIG beat TITO SANTANA in an exciting match that solidified Tito as a contender, more than making Hennig look like a champ. I expect Hennig or Rude to leave the Heenan stable soon, maybe even turning good... DEMOLTION beat the ROCKERS in a wild one. AXE, acting as manager, scored the pin, much to the chagrin of the LEGION OF DOOM and HART FOUNDATION who protested... KERRY VON ERICH beat PLAYBOY BUDDY ROSE... HULK HOGAN did a return interview, and fended off EQ and BRAVO...

## WEST FOUR WRESTLING ALLIANCE

TV tapings are back on at the rink, but it's the same thing over and over - same wrestlers, same feuds. Only match-ups are slightly different...

## WORLD GRAND PRIX



The annual report on the Maritime wrestling scene is back... HUSTLER RIP ROGERS is the Grand Prix champion... DIAMOND TIMOTHY FLOWERS & BOB BASS are the tag team champions... BULLDOG BOB BROWN is probally booking, as he is involved everywhere - at the moment in a battle with STOMPIN' PAUL PELLER. STEPHEN PETTIPAS has aligned himself with Brown. The two villains used a club on Peller... BOBBY KAY is back, out of retirement... Grand Prix mainstay, LEO BURKE is still in Puerto Rico, but will eventually make it back home... Same goes for current Puerto Rican Burke allies JERRY MORROW, CUBAN ASSASSIN, RON STARR and RICK VALENTINE (KERRY BROWN)... Thanks to Rodney Leighton for this report...

JERRY MORROW is the first CNWA Champion after winning a tournament final over BIFF WELLINGTON with some help from JOHNNY SMITH. It is too bad that commentators WHELAN & ADAMS complained continuously instead of crediting Morrow, thereby enhancing the prestige of the title... The tag titles are to be decided, with the BOWLERS - MYERS & ROGERS as top contenders... THE BALL PLAYER & JT BROOTH are now good guys, feuding with the Bowlers... BILL JOIDIN has received a push as the tag partner of RON RITCHIE... LUSCIOUS LENNY ST.CLAIR has been 'steaming' up the area as a new heel... SUMO HARA recently returned to the area... THE MASKED EAGLE has disappeared, at least temporarily. He is likely looking for his contact lense... JASON ANDERSON & STEVE GILLESPIE continue to improve... SHANE CROFT & DON MCCULLOCH are newcomers...

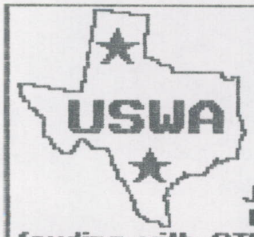
STAMPEDE Stampede talk has not died down. Newest is that BRUCE HART will start up under a new name. If so, look for OWEN HART to stay home...

TRIVIA Answer last month: Hulk Hogan was our first champion profile.

## AWA NEWS

SGT SLAUGHTER's departure to the WWF will leave a void in the AWA Team Challenge Series... AWA Champ LARRY ZBYSZKO has been on a tour of Guam... In the US, he has put back the challenge of DJ PETERSON... OX BAKER is looking for new talent to manage after he dropped THE RUSSAIN BRUTE from his stable... CURTIS 'The Cat' HUGHES is a former football player and a newcomer... BARON VON RASCHKE's team is leading the Team Challenge Series and he, along with partner BUCK ZUMHOFE, are feuding with the TEXAS HANGMEN... COLONEL DEBEERS recently bloodied LUMBERJACK FLAPJACK NORTON on ESPN. DeBeers is also expected to take over as Captain of Sarge's Snipers... Team Challenge Finals have taken place. Results are not available at this moment... HARLEY RACE will be challenging Zbyszko for the AWA title. Race is a 4-time AWA tag champion...

The newest venture in Canadian mat action has been started by PHIL WATSON, son of the legendary Whipper. He runs TEEN PRO WRESTLING, a new training centre for teens aged 16 to 19, in good physical condition, over 150 pounds and a clean person. Eventually, the training will lead to a cross-Canada promotion of Teen Pro wrestling. Watson alikens the plan to the success of the News Kids on the Block. If you are seriously interested, call (416) 853-5826 for more information... The IWA recently held its TV tapings at Disney World in Florida. Top matches had KEVIN VON ERICH beating LARRY CAMERON by DQ, and Cameron beating DERRICK DUKES... Kevin Von Erich is teaming with MOONDOG SPOT in the IWA!... SLAMMERS Wrestling Gym is hosting the 2nd Annual Legend Awards Sept 22-23rd. It is the closest thing wrestling has to a Hall of Fame. Write P.O.Box 1602 Studio City, CA 91614 for more information on Slammers and the event... WWF wrestlers HAKU & BRADY BOONE were recently arrested in St.Louis after a fight in a bar with patrons and police... Former wrestlers TULLY BLANCHARD & TED GRIZZLY have been speaking at separate church services... Maritime mainstay BUDDY LANE trained the current Halifax version of the Trafford Tanzi actors...




KERRY VON ERICH has left the area, beating newcomer ROD PRICE on his way out... EDDIE GILBERT is new to the area and has already started a feud with JERRY LAWLER & BILL DUNDEE. Gilbert has aligned himself with the DIRTY WHITE BOYS... THE SNOWMAN is the USWA Champion in both Memphis and Texas. He has been battling Lawler, JEFF GAYLORD and BRIAN LEE... CHRIS CHAMPION is wrestling as a Mutant Ninja Turtle... Bill Dundee is still feuding with JOHN TATUM in Texas over the Southern title... JOEY MAGGS & REX KING are USWA tag champions... CHRIS ADAMS & wife TONI are still feuding with STEVE AUSTIN & Adam's ex-wife JEANNIE... CHRIS VON ERICH is making his presence known in various feuds... MATT BORNE has left the area.. PERCY PRINGLE is playing big time heel... KEVIN VON ERICH is feuding with the ANGEL OF DEATH... Texas independents are being run by GARY HART and KILLER TIM BROOKS. Hart was to bring in ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER for a show...

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# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING PRESENTS

# New Revolution

## GREAT AMERICAN BASH '90

JULY 7, 1990 BALTIMORE, MD

STING finally did it. He howled, fought and pinned RIC FLAIR to become NWA World Champion in 17:02. But the Stinger got help from the DUDES WITH ATTITUDES at ringside, who kept the FOUR HORSEMEN at bay, and EL GIGANTE, who was hand-cuffed to OLE ANDERSON. It was an exciting match and is now a vital part of wrestling history - the end of the Ric Flair era - the crowning of Sting.

DOOM - RON SIMMONS & BUTCH REED beat the ROCK'N'ROLL EXPRESS when Reed caught ROBERT GIBSON with a flying shoulderblock... LEX LUGER pinned MEAN MARK after surviving interference from PAUL E DANGEROUSLY... THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS out-dualed the SOUTHERN BOYS to retain the US tag titles. The crowd was really into this one and the wrestling was super. The Southern Boys are just so enthusiastic, they make you get into the match. EATON pinned ARMSTRONG... EL GIGANTE, JUNKYARD DOG & PAUL ORNDORFF beat SID VICIOUS, BARRY WINDHAM and ARN ANDERSON by DQ when the Horsemen threw JYD over the top rope. The Giant didn't make it into the ring until the match was over, and then only pushed the Horsemen... SCOTT & RICK STEINER beat the make-upped FREEBIRDS in a solid bout, but meaningless... BIG VAN VADER debuted and destroyed TOM ZENK... HARLEY RACE beat TOMMY RICH in a battle from yesteryear... DOUG FURNAS beat DUTCH MANTELL in a match that was good when Furnas was doing athletic things, and bad when Mantell was holding him down... MIKE ROTUNDO beat the rotund IRON SHIEK... BRIAN PILLMAN surprised BUDDY LANDELL for the win... Overall, a really good show...

# SPEAKING WITH... WCW CANADIAN PROMOTER AL ZINCK

Al Zinck has been involved in the wrestling business since the age of fourteen. He has worked with both amateur and professional wrestling. As promoter of Eastern Sports Association International Wrestling during the 70's and 80's, Zinck helped to get current stars such as RODDY PIPER and RICK MARTEL into the business. After a few years out of the business, Zinck was contacted by World Championship Wrestling to bring the NWA to Canada. An agreement was made and the work began...

This interview was conducted 06/27/90 at an NWA show at CNE Coliseum Toronto.

G.OLIVER (GO): How do you think the shows so far have gone? The shows in Halifax and the Maritimes. How about the show that was cancelled by the ammonia leak?

AL ZINCK (AZ): Well, you overcome these hurdles. These things happen in every type of business. And as you can see tonight, we've got a tremendous crowd for the last day of school. When you've got the last day of school, it's pretty hard to get a good crowd out, but we're happy with the 4,000 people here. It's our first time... a new organization coming to Canada.

GO: What kind of promotion are you planning to do? Through your television and...

AZ: You're going to see a lot of things happen. Right now, I can't say but there are a lot of plans and a lot of work ahead. We're going to get the job done.

GO: Will there be a return to Ontario?

AZ: Yes, we're going to return. (Aug 30 Welland Aug 31 Brantford.)

GO: Do you have any dates or ideas for shows?

AZ: We're going to come back here pretty soon, probally around August.

GO: Is there anything you'd do differently next time?

AZ: There are a lot of things we're going to do differently because we're in a changing world today so you're going to have to keep up with the pace and you have to do changes from time to time.

GO: Have you seen this newspaper ad? [ Tor SUN NWA ad reprinted last issue ]

AZ: No. [ scanning ad ] GO: Any comments?

AZ: These things happen you see. With the media, you have to be there every day, just about, to guide them along. So if it was a NHL hockey game... and they made the same mistakes, they'd be blasted so much and then they'd be forgiven. Let a wrestler do it and they're not.

GO: Is there anything else you'd like to say?

AZ: I'd like to thank the fans here in Ontario for the support that they've given us.

GO: What about the rest of Canada?

AZ: We're spreading across the country. I look after all the marketing, television. I deal with every newspaper in Canada.

GO: What kind of timeline are you looking at?

AZ: Within the next few months, we'll be coast to coast.

GO: Thank you very much for your time.

AZ: Thank you.

Norman Da Costa

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PLUG: Bart Bucher 23 Township Line Rd Schwenksville PA 19473 is looking for Stampede memorabilia - clippings, photos, programs. Write to help him out.

I'd like to thank all the other editors for the trades over the years and their generous offers for Cdn WR readers.

# MEMORIES... BY THE FANS, FOR THE FANS...

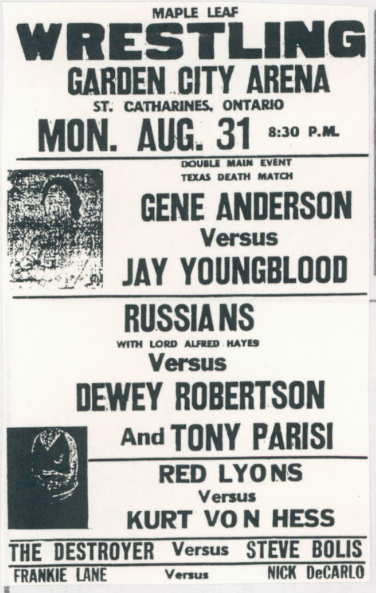
## MEMORIES OF EDOUARD CARPENTIER by Dan Cooperstock

One of my all-time favorite wrestlers is still EDOUARD CARPENTIER. I remember watching him a good twenty years ago (afraid I'm showing my age!) in the wrestling shows from Montreal. He had great feuds with KILLER KOWALSKI, MAURICE 'MAD DOG' VACHON, GILLES 'THE FISH' POISSON and others.

Carpentier was one of the most acrobatic wrestlers I have ever seen. Here are some of the moves I remember fondly:

- You couldn't hip toss him from a headlock, because he'd put down his outside hand and do a cartwheel over it.
- He perfected cartwheels, flying head scissors and back extension somersaults.
- His opponent would throw him over the top rope, then turn away. Carpentier would grab the top rope with both hands and hang over it backwards. When his opponents came over to beat on him, Carpentier would reach up with his legs and pull his opponent onto the floor with a head scissors, then pull himself backwards over the ropes back into the ring.
- His favorite finisher: he throws his foe into the corner, climbs the ropes and gives him a karate chop on the head, does a back somersault off the top rope to the centre of the ring. Since Carpentier's back is turned, his opponent runs out to attack him from behind, but is met by a mule kick. Carpentier finishes him off with a few standing somersaults, landing with his back on the opponent's chest and a pin.

And these are but a few of my memories of Edouard Carpentier...




## THRILL OF A LIFETIME by Joel Cadesky...

In August 1982 in St.Catharines, Ontario, I was the guest announcer for this card as a part of the old CTV show 'Thrill of a Lifetime'. They filmed my fantasy – to be in a wrestling ring and announce the match. I interviewed THE DESTROYER and STEVE BOLUS. As a side note, GENE ANDERSON broke his arm before the show and was not there to wrestle. MR FUJI took his place.

## REMEMEBERING GENE KINISKI by R.B.Fleming

One of the great masters of invented pain in the wrestling world was Gene Kiniski, and almost any of his matches were worth watching, provided he had an equally- tough and clever opponent. Matches with WHIPPER WATSON, DON LEO JONATHON and DORY FUNK JR were always exciting. Who can forget Jonathon, picking up Kiniksi, holding him on his shoulder, face forward, for the few seconds required for Gene to communicate his anxiety and disapproval, then slamming him to the mat? Few faces could register such enormous pain; and few wrestlers had the same sense of irony after the Jonathon-Kiniski match, which Kiniski usually won by some last-minute strategy, not always admirable. Big Gene's self-confidence -- of course he had control of the match from start to finish, he assured the interviewer -- was always a treat.

I recall one match between Kiniski and Funk, about 1970 in Calgary. Funk had beaten Gene in Tampa, FL for the NWA title and there followed a scrappy series in which Gene tired to regain the belt. In this particular match in Calgary, Funk won the first fall with his spinning toe hold, which caused Kiniski enormous pain. He limped through the beginning of the second fall, but recovered and took it with his trademark body slam and pin.

The third act was full of suspense. As Funk spun around, his head happened to graze the head of the referee. Kiniski put the stunned Funk in the Boston Crab and the referee waited for Funk to give in. Kiniski, however, was near the ropes, facing towards the audience. Suddenly from the shadows there emerged a man in topcoat and fedora. He approached Kiniski, gave him a thump on the head, and Big Gene dropped Funk to run after the intruder. Of course, he was counted out. In the post-match interview, he vowed never to wrestle again in Calgary. Fans there just didn't deserve to see his great talents. I have often wondered who the mysterious intruder was and whether Funk / Kiniski used him frequently across North America.

# MEMORIES... BY THE FANS, FOR THE FANS...

## REMEMBERING... YVON ROBERT by Gary Howard

I like to reminisce about the wrestling scene around Montreal-Ottawa in the 1950's. Eddie Quinn was the promoter out of Montreal and brought top names to the Forum and the old Ottawa Auditorium. The premier wrestler of the day was the great French Canadian Yvon Robert, who always received top billing. He was Quebec's equivalent to Whipper Billy Watson and just as all the top stars would come to Maple Leaf Gardens to test Watson's mettle, the great Robert held court in the Forum.

Top foes of the day were Kowalski, Valentine and Jonathon. Formidable tag teams were Great Togo & Tosh Togo, Gene & Steve Stanlee and the dirty Duseks. Thesz, Rocca and Managoff also visited the circuit on occasion as did Watson.

Notable understudies and potential successors to Robert were Larry Moquin (pictured to the right of Robert), Johnny Rougeau (brother of Jacques and uncle to the WWF Raymond & Jacques Jr) but neither achieved the fame of Robert. When Yvon faded from the scene, his successor was Edouard Carpentier.

Montreal has always been a hotbed for wrestling and had a strong base of home-grown stars, similar to Hamilton. But the whole of wrestling changed with the WWF and local heroes no longer exist. Once popular French Canadian stars like Bravo, Martel and the Rougeaus have succumbed to the gaudiness and glitter of the WWF.

Wrestling as it was at the Forum can never be the same. The dust has settled on the mat and the Quinns, Roberts and Moquins are now only faded memories of what once was and can never be again. Tomorrow has yet to come but the stars of yesterday cannot rise from the last fall.

## MOMENTS THAT STOOD OUT with Norm McEvoy

Calgary: Jason the Terrible as a hero, is given a toy bear in goalie mask by the fans... Toronto: Terry Funk goes over the top and thru a table against the JYD... Kitchener: Ric Flair is given a crutch by a fan and chases Dick Slater... Toronto: Rick Steamboat & Jake Roberts go to a DDQ in a bloody brawl. Best part was Jake, his face a mask of blood, grinning like Freddie Krueger... Miss Elizabeth ('nuff said)... Hamilton: Dusty Rhodes jeered as the heel at both MoscaManias... Brampton: Johnny K-9 telling Dr Don "I don't need you old man!"... London: The Jumping Bomb Angels raising the heat with a display of wrestling talent... Roddy Piper's obsession with chains and dogcollars and great interviews... Montreal: Jacques Rougeau suplexing Abdullah the Butcher... Jamming into the CNE grounds with 75,000 other fans to see Hulk vs Orndorff... Winnipeg: Rick Martel and 'Bertha Von Raschke' combine to leave Jimmy Garvin & Precious speechless... Vancouver: Al Tomko is knighted Sir Alouicious Tomko by Lord Athol Foley. Immediately after, he tells Foley to take a hike... Ingersoll: Watching a dreadfully dull Wildman show when the bear makes a mad dash for the popcorn stand and nearly runs me over... And just the sheer lunacy of being involved with a sport that borders on so many fringes. Like at the 4 Aces the night before WrestleMania 6. Do you think that it was easy doing those Piper impersonations off the top off my head?...

## DR DON'S HIGHS AND LOWS...

In the past three years my highs and lows have been as follows:

HIGHS: 1) taking a one month bus tour through the U.S. and Canada, meeting people such as Stu and Bruce Hart, Jon Gallagher, Ray Whebbe, Larry Cameron, Ed Whelan, Steve Beverly, Craig Peters, Tom Burke and Dave Meltzer.

2) Running the only radio show in Canada featuring jazz and wrestling news. (CFMU 93.3 megahertz - 0630 to 1030 hours on Wednesdays)

3) Meeting dedicated (crazy) locals such as Greg and Norm.

4) Supervising Ann Marie's thesis on the economics of pro wrestling (an A+ effort)

5) Refereeing professional (?) bouts for the late, lamented Niagara Exhibition group.

LOWS: 1) The unfortunate demise of the UAWF.

2) The shoddy treatment of the Bruiser Brody homicide.

3) The fact that mud wrestling is still not back in vogue.

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## MISC QUOTES FROM LETTERS OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS...

I will sincerely miss your journal, however, life must go on. Your publication has become part of my wrestling library... The WR was a good project... Trust me, first year can be a bitch... I dropped wrestling in favour of other interests and came back to it some 20 years later... I like its 'Canadiana' attitude... Have a beer on me in the big city of Toronto... You are going to need to redirect your energies to school and your future... I've read hours upon hours of your newsletters... If you were still doing the newsletter in the year 2000, I'd still be a member... Greg Oliver's popular Cdn WR will stop publication in August. Oliver has decided to move on to bigger and better things. (Tor Star)... You want clippings? You GOT clippings!... Too-de-loo!

# VOYAGE OF THE canadian wrestling report

( SUBSCRIBERS, TRADES AND UNSUSPECTING VICTIMS ON THE MAIL LIST )



Total: 10 of 10 provinces, 1 of 2 territories, 33 of 50 states

MAINE: Portland...
ALASKA: Fairbanks...
INDIANA: Lafayette...
NEW MEXICO: Tijeras...
GEORGIA: Atlanta...
NEBRASKA: Lincoln...
OREGON: Troutdale...
CONNECTICUT: Enfield...
DELAWARE: Wilmington...
MISSISSIPPI: Louisville...
NEW HAMPSHIRE: Nashua...
OKLAHOMA: Cushing...
ARKANSAS: Jonesboro...

WASHINGTON: Everett, Seattle...

OHIO: Ashtabula, Cleveland, Eastlake, Louisville, Procterville, Toledo...

TEXAS: Big Springs, Dallas, Grand Prarie, Houston, Kerrville...

VIRGINIA: Blacksburg, Newport News, Norfolk...

PENNSYLVANIA: Elkins Park, Freedom, Macungie, Melbourne, Palm Springs... New Castle, Schwenksville, Secane...

FLORIDA: Fort Lauderdale, Lake Mary, Lighthouse Point, NORTH CAROLINA: Camp LeJeune, Raleigh...

ILLINOIS: Des Plaines, Downers Grove, Knoxville, Peoria, Woodale...

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: Eldon...

SASKATCHEWAN: Kerrobert, Weyburn...

MANITOBA: Portage La Prairie, Winnipeg...

NEWFOUNDLAND: Gander, Stephenville...

ONTARIO: Agincourt, Ajax, Alliston, Almyer, Aurora, Barrie, Belleville, Bolton, Bramalea, Brampton, Brantford, Brockville, Burlington, Cambridge, Campbellville, Canfield, Charing Cross, Clinton, Coe Hill, Comestogo, Crystal Beach, Don Mills, Downsview, Dunnville, Eden Mills, Elmira, Englehart, Erin, Etobicoke, Essex, Fergus, Fraserville, Gananoque, Garson, Georgetown, Glenburnie, Gravenhurst, Grimsby, Guelph, Hamilton, Hanover, Harley, Holland Landing, Honeywood, Islington, Jerseyville, Kanata, Kenora, Kingston, Kingsville, Kitchener, Lindsay, London, Loretto, Lowbanks, Markham, Millbank, Milton, Mississauga, Moorefield, Mount Forest, Mount Hope, New Hamburg, Newmarket, Niagara Falls, North York, Oakland, Oakville, Ohsweken, Orangeville, Orton, Oshawa, Ottawa, Palgrave, Parry Sound, Pembroke, Perth, Peterborough, Picton, Port Colborne, Port Lambton, Princeton, Puslinch, Renfrew, Rexdale, Richmond Hill, Scarborough, St.Agatha, St.Catharines, St.George, St.Thomas, Shelburne, Simcoe, Southampton, South River, Stephensville, Stoney Creek, Stouffville, Stratford, Sudbury, Sunderland, Tecumseh, Thornhill, Thorold, Toronto, Trenton, Tweed, Val Caron, Vanessa, Vanier, Wainfleet, Wallaceburg, Waterford, Waterloo, Wawa, Welland, Weston, Willow Beach, Willowdale, Windsor, Woodstock, Woodville, Zephyr...

ALBERTA: Calgary, Crossfield, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Midnapore, Spruce Grove, Vermillion...

NOVA SCOTIA: Antigonish, Cape Breton, Halifax, Inverness, Pugwash...

YUKON TERRITORY: Whitehorse...

QUEBEC: Dorval, Jonquiere, Laval, Montreal, Pte,Claire, Sainte Foy, St,Leonard...

Fredericia, Denmark...

BRITISH COLUMBIA: Delta, Langley, Summerland, Surrey, Vancouver...

NEW BRUNSWICK: Bathurst...

Kent, England...

KANSAS: Leavenworth, Wichita...

Christchurch I, New Zealand...

Hastings, New Zealand...

Melbourne, Australia...

Victoria, Australia...











Thanks For The Memories

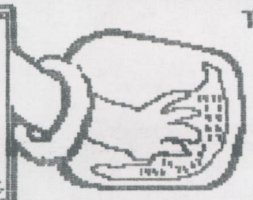
Of headlocks and pinfalls,
Ric Flair giving his all,
Hulkamania, Macho Madness and
WrestleMania 6,
How lovely it was,
So thanks for the memories,
Ed Whalen at his table,
Those crazy Jumping Bomb Angels,
Al Tomko's crew, the Horsemen too
and the great Brantford debacle,
how lovely it was,
Whipper Watson was a legend,
McKigney gave us some wild times,
and old Stu Hart, he did his part,
and Tunney did too, to give him his due.
So thanks for the memories:
To the Canadian Wrestling Report
For covering our sport,
The bottom line, you did just fine,
So all I have to say is
Thank you so much,

Sayanara and Domo Arigato, Norm McEvoy.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Charleston...
TENNESSEE: Jackson, Kingsport...
MARYLAND: Baltimore, Rockville...
MINNESOTA: Minneapolis, St.Paul...
KENTUCKY: Gamalick, Tompkinsville...
NEW JERSEY: Hillside, Kearney, Malboro, Morris Plains, Passaic...
MASSACHUSETTS: Brighton, Lowell, Quincy, Roslindale, Salem, Springfield, Stoughton...
MICHIGAN: Deckerville, Dearborn, Detroit, Gladwin, Jackson, Sterling Heights, Warren...

# A JAR FULL OF MEMORIES

With Terry Dart



EXHIBITION

**WRESTLING**

**MON., NOV. 26th**

Tag Team Match

No Time Limit — No Holds Barred

Louie Klein

and

Leapin' Larry Chene

vs.

Gorgeous George

and

Percival E. Pringle

RICKEY CORTEZ

vs.

TONY PARISE

Plus one other all-star bout

KENWICK TERRACE

This final Jar Full Of Memories takes place in Sarnia, Ontario, November 26, 1962 at the Kenwick Terrace. The Main Event is a no holds barred, no time limit match between LEAPIN' LANNY CHENE & LOU KLEIN vs PERCIVAL PRINGLE & GORGEOUS GEORGE. As soon as the first fall started, Pringle threw Chene out of the ring. Both Klein & Chene were stomped, and rammed headfirst into the ringpost, cutting both men. Back in the ring, Pringle attempted to ram Klein's head into Gorgeous One's foot. However, at the last minute, Klein pushed George off the ring apron by using Pringle as a battering ram. Pringle was then thrown back by Klein and was dropkicked and atomic dropped by Chene and poor Percy lost all interest and was pinned after 27 minutes of torrid action. In the second fall. Klein chased George around the ring while Chene dropkicked Pringle silly. Later Pringle got his fingers tangled in George's curls. Klein & Chene helped out by pulling Pringle away, along with a lot of George's hair. Chene was then whipped into the ropes by Pringle and was hung by his neck between the top and second rope. Klein was ganged up on, kicked, kneed and finally Pringle ended the slaughter by pinning Klein with a flying knee-drop across Klein's stomach to end the second fall in 8 minutes. Things did not look good for Klein and Chene in the third fall, as George used one of his famous gold bobby pins to gouge Klein's eyes. Pringle once again mounted the top rope and executed a flying kneedrop on Klein who was being held by George. Only problem was that Klein moved and George took the full impact of the kneedrop on the neck and Chene rushed in and pinned the scoundrel to take the fall and the match after 12:10 of rioutous action. Pringle & George complained to referee JOHNNY GATES to no avail...

The Semi Final was a real "ring a ding dong dandy", to quote ED WHELAN, between RICKY 'Crusher' CORTEZ & TONY PARISI. Parisi took the first fall in quick order with three flying dropkicks and and abdominal stretch to make Cortez say uncle after only 3 minutes. The second fall was taken by Cortez after stomping on Parisi's head at least 20 times, cutting Tony's forehead. Parisi was finally pinned by Cortez after 14 minutes. In the third fall, Parisi applied two flying tackles and then tried another, but Cortez kicked Parisi in the stomach and Tony caved in at 6:12.

In the opener, GINO BRITTON was battered senseless by the 'Mad German' KURT VON STROHEIM with his famous 'Prussain' squeeze (stomach claw hold) at 26:18 of a rugged bout...

NOTES: The Kenwick Terrace was upstairs in the Union Gas building. The only seating was all on the floor and were rows of couches, like in your home. Usually four people sat on a couch unless a drunk fell asleep on one. The wrestler's would often fight down the stairs onto the street. During the 50's & 60's, BERT RUBY, JACK BRITTON & HARRY LIGHT promoted independent shows in Michigan and Ontario to compete with JIM BARNETT & JOHNNY DOYCE who ran the NWA Michigan. I would hitchhike from London to see such stars as JIM HADY, RED BASTIEN, DICK GARZA (MIGHTY IGOR), ALI BEY, GEORGE MACARTHUR (GEORGE CANNON), BULLDOG BROWER & BRUTE BERNARD... RICKY CORTEZ was a despicable villain who delighted in cutting his opponents with his vicious elbows to the head. Cortez teamed with Jim Hady & Larry Chene. He still wrestles today... LOU KLEIN often teamed with Red Bastien as the BASTIEN BROTHERS. They held the USA title by defeating DR JERRY & EDDIE GRAHAM in New York in 1960. Red promotes in California. Lou Klein wrestled and refereed around Ontario and Michigan into the 70's until his heart attack in Florida... LARRY CHENE had great talent and public appeal and was Michigan's version of today's HULK HOGAN. Chene always smiled while in and out of the ring and was always friendly to me. In my mind, Chene always ranked up with the greats. Larry lost his life in a tragic car accident in 1965... GINO BRITTON was the son of promoter Jack Britton who went on to wrestle in later years as GINO BRITO and LUIS CERDAN in the WWWF. He very seldom made it to main events, but did successfully tag with TONY PARISI & DINO BRAVO... TONY PARISI was famous for his 'Cannonball' leap off the top rope. For a brief period in Detroit, Parisi was a villain as 'Tenor' Parisi. He wore a white tuxedo and sang before his matches. Today Parisi owns the Drake Hotel in Niagara Falls and wrestles on occasion... PERCIVAL PRINGLE was a rough villain from London, Ontario who teamed with brother CHAUNCY. This is not the same Percy Pringle currently in Texas... KURT VON STROHEIM was a cruel German who often teamed with HANS SCHMIDT. The last time I saw Kurt, JOHNNY VALENTINE had just done his brainbuster to send Kurt packing... FINALLY, I am really going to miss writing for this great bulletin and I, along with all you subscribers wish our editor all the best in the future. I know that Greg will be 100% successful in whatever he does. So I say a final farewell to all of and wish all of you good luck, good health and hope that nobody forgets Greg & his fine bulletin... Goodbye & God Bless... Terry.

# BLAST FROM THE PAST

WRESTLING TODAY IN PERSPECTIVE WITH THE PAST

by: HOWDY DOODY

Since this is Greg's last newsletter and since I haven't written anything for you guys now for a few months, I guess it's about time. For the last couple of years, I've penned 'Blast From the Past,' similar to Terry's 'Jar Full..' which I really enjoy. I even showed up once as the Masked Critic – now unmasked as Howdy Doody. Thanks to the CWR, I am now able to pass on more memories... In the 50's I could watch wrestling on TV from Texas, Toronto or Vancouver. My father would take my brother & I to the local shows in Vancouver. This is long before Tomko's 'Bottom of the barrel' when wrestling here ranked with the best... I lived in a neighbourhood where many wrestlers lived. Around the corner were the McCLARTY's – DON & ROY. SANDOR KOVACS was a couple of blocks away. My next door neighbours for a year were KENJI SHIBUYA & MITSU ARAKAWA and their families. They were really nice guys, not like they portrayed in the ring. Down by the beach lived HAYSTACK CALHOUN and his tiny wife and even tinier poodle. He drove a special international truck to carry his weight of 601 pounds and his groceries. He would go to the butcher shop and then the bakery. Not much was left when he finished shopping. Haystack was always at the beach playing cards with a real character called BAD BOY SHANDS. Bad Boy is the only wrestling I have ever seen who, when tossed, could bounce across the ring on his butt, like a skipping stone. He always had a chewed cigar in his mouth and looked like a real bum – a short version of BULLDOG BOB BROWN...

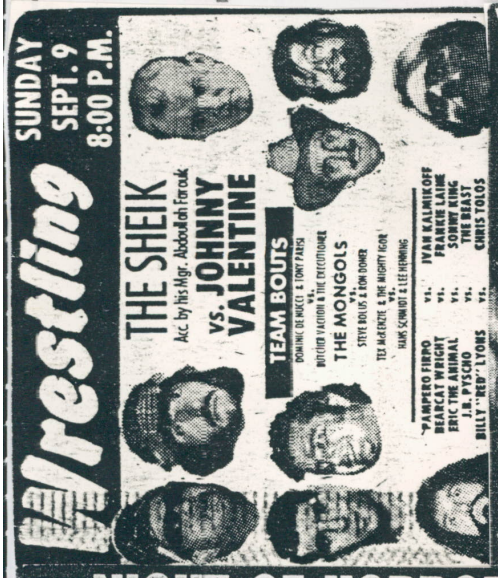
Through the 60's, I continued to go to wrestling shows in Vancouver. More shows on TV too – Calgary, NY & Seattle were added. Seattle, only 120 miles away had totally different wrestlers. In the 70's I stopped going to live shows except when I worked up north and to the Stampede shows with THE STOMPER and GYPSY JOE – great shows. Then came the 80's and lots of wrestling on TV: the over-the-hill gang on the AWA from Winnipeg, rotten shows from Vancouver, great shows from the NWA & Calgary and lastly, Circus World from VINCE McMUFFIN.

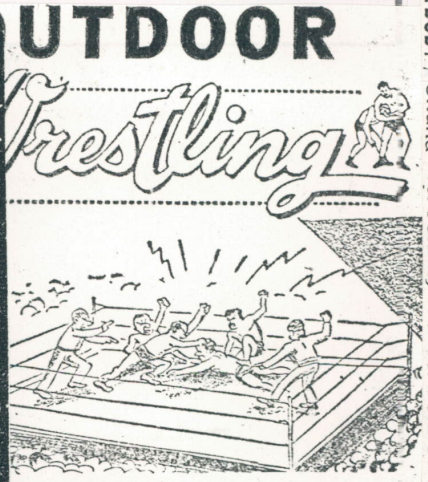
Wrestling hasn't really changed much over the years. The foreigners are still the bad guys. Masked wrestlers are still around, but are mostly bums. The only differences today are steroids and face paint so everybody looks like Saturday morning cartoons. Most wrestlers today can't 'wrestle' either, evidenced by viewing the WWF (World's Worst Farce).

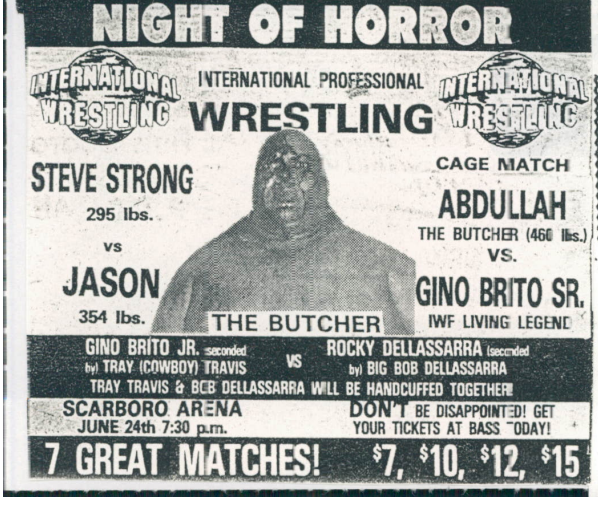
Enough said, I've enjoyed writing for the CDN WR and I hope you have enjoyed reading it. I wish Greg all the best in his future endeavours.

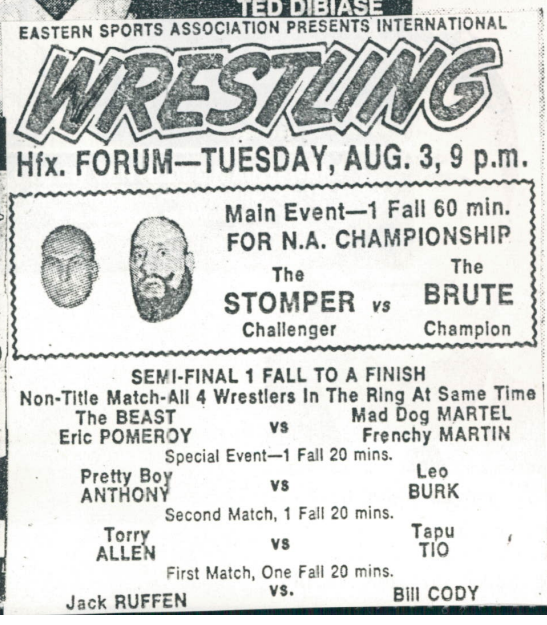
Thanks Greg. Good luck. "Houdy".

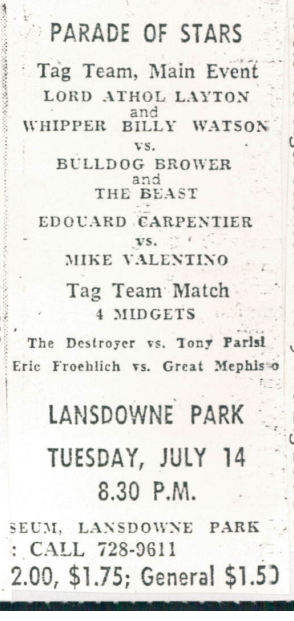
★ THE SHEIK ★ SIKI ★ MOSCA, Jr. ★ WILD MAN ★ WOLFMAN ★ WAR EAGLE ★ JET THE BODY ; Snuka vs. Johnny K-9 vs. Toni Starr Pete vs. Tiger Jackson Rocky and Big Bad Bob





STAMPEDE WRESTLING IS BACK!
TUESDAY, OCT. 17—7:30—EX. AUDITORIUM
TAG TEAM WAR OF THE YEAR
LETHAL LARRY CAMERON
AND
THE GREAT GAMA
—VS—
BOY SMITH
AND
UCE HART
SPECIAL
MAD DOG VACHON
VS
JIM BRUNZELL
US OTHER BOUTS!
DEATH
BIFF WELLINGTON
THE ARCHANGEL
DERRINGER BROTHERS
OPENER
IVAN CRNKOVIC
VS
MOOSE MUROWSKI
WATCH "STAMPEDE WRESTING"
WA MAIN EVEN
DAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 198
7:30 WINNIPEG ARENA
NWA WORLD TITL MATCH
RIC FLAIR
LEX LUGER
COWBOY LANG
-VS-
COCONUT WILLIE
MIDGETS!
SEMI FINAL TITLE MATCH
GREG GAGNE
VS
NICK BOCKWINKEL
The Sports Net
SASKATCHEWAN
PLACE
Saskatoon's Trade & Sports Centre
CHALLENGERS
Bockwinkel retains title
WRESTLING
Winnipeg Arena
Feb. 9—9 p.m.
MAIN EVENT — RE-MA
MR. M
VS.
BULLDOG BROW
2 Out of 3 Falls or
2nd MAIN EVEN
YUKON ERI
VS.
KARL VON SJ
2 Out of 3 Falls
SPECIAL EV
SCARI
VS.
BOB GE
OPEN
EDDIE S
VS
NIKITA K
ckets on sale:
and Grange Hotel
Tickets: $1.50 - 1.75 - 2.25
TICKET No. 17
WRESTLING
TONIGHT
EXHIBITION AUDITORIUM
8:30 P.M.
MAIN EVENT
Angelo Mosca
vs.
ARCHIE
"The Stomper"
GOULDIE
TAG TEAM
Bob Sweetan and The Beast
vs
Don Serrano and John Brink
Gil Hayes vs "Ox" Baker
Fred Sweetan vs Marcel Trudeau
Tickets at Gillies Agencies
General Admission
$2.50 $2.00
Ringside 2.50
JIM DAVIES
WRESTLING
PNE COLISEUM
Thurs. Aug. 25, 7:30 p.m.
ANDRE
The GIANT
vs
HACKSAW
Pro wrestling
Shane Minkin
NORTH AMERICAN HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP
The Champion
MAKHAN SINGH
-vs-
Strangler
STEVE DI SALVO
s this Man the Ultimate Test of a Champion?
SMITH
-vs-
BENOIT
WINNIPEG ARENA, THURSDAY AUGUST 1976 - 8:00
AL TOMKO
Promoter
DEMOLITION
TEAM VS BULLDOGS
BRITISH
PATERA vs BRAVO
Houston vs Big
The Animal
STAMPEDE CORRAL
MONDAY, JULY 5,
HEADLINING
Bruno Sammartino
Waldo Von
BAD COMPANY
BRUCE HART-BRIAN PILLMAN
SPECIAL REFEREE
DON LUZZI
ALLBRIGHT
-VS-
COWBOY LEE CARLSON
PLUS
EGRO GIRLS' WORLD CHAMPIONS
BETTY ANN SPENCER versus SWEET
A. WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT
STLING CHAMPIONSHIP
CLUDES GATE ADMISSION
NNING VS. BOCKWINKLE
NORTHLANDS COLISEUM
T. JULY 25/87 7:00PM
OR WEST ADULT
FLW 5 24 16.00
S/C included
Mad Dog denied AWA title
WRESTLING
QUEENS PARK ARENA
(New Westminster)
Mon. Aug. 2, 8:00 p.m.
PACIFIC COAST TITLE!
TOLOS vs SHIBUYA
(Champion) (Former Champ)
QUINN vs ROCHA
HUNTER vs. RAMSTAD
FRANCIS & FRANKES vs MORSE & ROGERS
WRESTLING
VICTORIA CIVIC ARENA
John TOLOS vs. Dutch SAVAGE
Bulldog BROWN vs. Steve BOLUS
Jack BENCE vs. John KOSTAS
Jerry LONDON vs. Tiger SINGH
WRESTLING
EXHIBITION GARDENS
Dutch SAVAGE vs. Gene KINISKI
Brandon Keystone Centre
THE HART FOUNDATION
"Hitman" Hart—Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart
-VS-
THE FABULOUS ROUGEAU BROS.
JACQUES AND RAYMOND
LD TITLE TAG MAT
Challengers
THE CR
& VS Champions
RACE v BIFF WELLINGTO
LANZA
HALL A
30 P.M.
AR CARD
THE ROCK"
ACO, CHAMPION
VS. DAVEY BOY
SMITH, CHALLENGER
BATTLE OF HEAVYWEIGHT TITANS
MAKHAN & VOKHAN SINGH vs. CHRIS BENOIT &
FLYIN' BRIAN PILLMAN vs. JOHNNY SMITH
PLUS THE
TICKETS AVAILABLE
GREAT GAMA
-VS-
WELLINGTON
WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION
SUPERSTARS
AGRIDOME—Sunday, Sept. 4—8:00 p.m.
LUMBERJACK MATCH!
AWA suspends Heenan